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CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES-UNITED STATES

Month	Month			To date			Change from 1947	
	1947 1/	1948 2/	1948	1947 1/	1948 2/	1948	Number	Percent
			%					
	Thousands			Thousands				
January	58,594	53,590	-9	58,594	53,590	-5,004	-9	
February	121,037	95,777	-21	179,631	149,367	-30,264	-17	
March	255,855	209,332	-18	435,486	358,699	-76,787	-18	
April	304,936	286,077	-6	740,422	644,776	-95,646	-13	
May	230,081	203,173	-12	970,503	847,949	-122,554	-13	
June	90,613	97,367	+7	1,061,116	945,316	-115,800	-11	
July	48,145	55,843	+16	1,109,261	1,001,159	-108,102	-10	
August	36,330	47,464	+31	1,145,591	1,048,623	-96,968	-8	
September	33,998	44,491	+31	1,179,589	1,093,114	-86,475	-7	
October	38,944	45,660	+17	1,218,533	1,138,774	-79,759	-7	
November	36,331			1,254,864				
December	33,470			1,288,334				

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS-BOOKINGS

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators	Chicks booked November 1 for December delivery	
		% change from November 1, 1947	
New England	+25	+140	
Middle Atlantic	-1	+130	
East North Central	+74	+17	
West North Central	+70	+105	
South Atlantic	+99	+160	
South Central	+23	+181	
Mountain	+159	----	
Pacific	-11	+172	
United States	+49	+121	

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON NOVEMBER 1, 1948

State :	Heavy breeds			:	Light breeds			:	Cross breeds			
and :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Sexed :		
Division:	run	:pullets:	cockerels:	run	:pullets:	cockerels:	run	:pullets:	cockerels:	run	:pullets:	cockerels:
	D o l l a r s											
Maine	17.00	27.50	14.00	---	---	---	17.50	27.00	15.00			
N.H.	18.50	28.00	15.50	---	---	---	18.50	27.00	15.50			
Vt.	18.00	---	---	---	---	---	18.00	---	---			
Mass.	18.50	30.00	12.00	---	---	---	18.00	28.00	12.50			
R.I.	18.50	---	---	---	---	---	18.50	---	---			
Conn.	19.50	27.50	16.00	---	---	---	19.50	26.00	16.50			
N.E.	18.80	28.20	14.80	---	---	---	19.10	26.60	15.70			
N.Y.	19.00	29.50	14.00	19.00	33.00	5.00	19.00	29.00	15.50			
N.J.	21.00	28.50	15.00	21.00	35.00	6.00	21.00	28.00	16.00			
Pa.	17.50	25.50	13.50	17.50	33.00	4.25	17.50	23.00	16.00			
M.A.	18.50	26.70	13.90	18.90	33.60	4.88	18.70	26.00	15.90			
Ohio	16.00	19.50	15.50	15.50	27.00	4.95	16.50	23.00	14.50			
Ind.	16.00	21.00	15.00	16.00	27.50	4.80	16.50	22.00	15.00			
Ill.	15.50	19.00	14.50	15.50	23.50	5.00	16.50	19.00	16.00			
Mich.	16.50	22.00	16.00	16.50	---	---	16.50	---	---			
Wis.	16.50	---	---	16.50	33.00	4.00	16.00	---	---			
E.N.C.	15.80	19.90	14.80	15.70	26.40	4.85	16.50	21.30	15.20			
Minn.	15.00	---	---	15.00	---	---	16.00	---	---			
Iowa	15.00	19.00	14.50	15.00	26.00	5.50	15.00	19.00	14.00			
Mo.	14.00	17.50	13.00	13.00	21.00	5.50	14.00	18.50	12.50			
Kans.	15.00	21.00	14.00	15.00	25.00	6.00	15.00	22.50	12.00			
W.N.C.	14.30	18.20	13.40	13.60	22.30	5.53	14.50	19.60	12.60			
Del.	18.00	---	---	17.50	---	---	18.00	---	---			
Md.	17.50	24.00	17.00	17.50	---	---	17.50	24.00	16.50			
Va.	17.00	23.00	16.00	16.50	---	---	17.00	24.00	16.50			
W.Va.	15.50	---	---	15.00	---	---	14.50	---	---			
N.C.	16.50	23.00	16.00	16.50	---	---	16.00	21.00	15.00			
S.C.	17.00	---	---	16.00	---	---	17.00	---	---			
Ga.	18.00	---	---	17.00	---	---	18.00	---	---			
Fla.	19.00	25.00	18.00	16.50	---	---	18.50	---	---			
S.A.	17.50	23.50	16.50	17.20	---	---	17.60	23.30	16.20			
Ky.	16.50	---	---	---	---	---	16.50	---	---			
Tenn.	16.50	---	---	17.00	---	---	16.50	---	---			
Ala.	16.50	19.50	16.00	17.50	---	---	17.00	19.50	16.00			
Miss.	16.50	---	---	14.50	---	---	17.50	---	---			
E.S.C.	16.50	---	---	16.40	---	---	16.90	---	---			
Ark.	16.50	---	---	16.50	---	---	17.50	---	---			
La.	17.00	---	---	18.00	---	---	17.50	---	---			
Okla.	15.50	---	---	15.00	27.00	7.00	15.50	---	---			
Tex.	16.00	23.00	14.00	15.50	25.50	7.00	16.00	23.50	14.00			
W.S.C.	16.30	---	---	15.80	25.60	7.00	16.60	---	---			
Idaho	18.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
Colo.	17.00	---	---	17.00	---	---	---	---	---			
N.Mex.	17.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
Ariz.	19.00	---	---	19.50	---	---	19.50	---	---			
Mount.	18.10	---	---	18.20	---	---	---	---	---			
Wash.	19.00	33.50	16.50	19.00	38.00	5.50	19.00	---	---			
Oreg.	19.00	30.00	17.00	19.00	38.50	5.40	19.00	23.00	18.00			
Calif.	19.50	24.50	19.00	19.50	37.00	6.50	20.00	23.00	19.50			
Pac.	19.30	26.50	18.40	19.40	37.10	6.37	19.90	23.00	19.40			
U.S.	17.20	23.90	15.30	16.90	32.20	5.87	17.60	24.10	16.30			

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
October 1948

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Commercial hatcheries produced a total of 45,660,000 chicks during October, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported. This output was 17 percent more than in October last year and 22 percent more than the 1942-46 average for the month. During the first 10 months of this year, 1,138,774,000 chicks were hatched, 7 percent less than were hatched during the same period last year.

The demand for chicks for broiler production continues strong, although not as strong as a month ago due to a drop in poultry prices during October. The number of chicks that will be hatched in November will be considerable larger than the November hatch of last year as the number of eggs in incubators on November 1, was 49 percent more than on November 1 a year ago. Orders for chicks on November 1 for delivery in December were 121 percent larger than on November 1 last year.

More chicks than in October 1947 were hatched in all but one section of the country. The Mountain States produced 7 percent less chicks during October than a year ago. The increases from a year ago were 39 percent in the West North Central, 36 percent in New England, 25 percent in the East North Central, 19 percent in the Mid-Atlantic and Pacific Coast, 9 percent in the South Central and 8 percent in the South Atlantic States.

Potential layers (hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets not laying age) on farms November 1 totaled 471,210,000 birds -- 3 percent below last year and 2 percent below the 1937-46 average. Decreases in holdings on November 1 were 6 percent in the West North Central, 3 percent in the East North Central and in the South Atlantic and 2 percent in both the North Atlantic and South Central States. In the Western States, the number of potential layers on November 1 was slightly above last year's number. The seasonal decrease in potential layers from October 1 to November 1 for the United States was 7 percent, compared with 8 percent last year and with the 1937-46 average decrease of 6 percent.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State	During October			January through October		
and	Average 1942-46	1947 1/	1948 2/	1947 1/	1948 2/	
Division:						
	T h o u s a n d s					
Maine	182	255	280	6,954	6,193	
N.H.	1,116	1,109	1,664	21,294	23,054	
Vt.	36	23	40	1,706	1,487	
Mass.	772	597	790	21,302	21,424	
R.I.	131	78	90	2,307	2,045	
Conn.	2,252	1,858	2,453	26,190	28,208	
N.E.	4,489	3,920	5,317	79,753	82,411	
N.Y.	473	480	460	22,731	20,668	
N.J.	1,052	904	920	26,812	23,700	
Pa.	1,216	1,350	1,870	59,070	54,760	
M.A.	3,442	2,734	3,250	108,613	99,123	
Ohio	1,413	600	950	53,740	44,950	
Ind.	2,517	2,820	2,625	86,900	78,055	
Ill.	1,510	1,640	2,755	98,811	89,485	
Mich.	67	70	120	25,370	22,050	
Wis.	90	60	60	23,096	17,649	
E.N.C.	5,598	5,190	6,510	287,917	252,189	
Minn.	4	20	45	63,461	45,848	
Iowa	344	520	625	90,560	73,235	
Mo.	3,229	2,100	2,800	81,200	71,700	
N.Dak.	---	---	---	6,300	4,483	
S.Dak.	---	---	---	17,850	12,860	
Nebr.	6	---	---	31,078	23,020	
Kans.	296	294	620	36,174	26,090	
W.M.C.	3,872	2,934	4,090	326,623	257,286	
Del.	3,341	3,004	3,532	27,032	34,389	
Md.	4,308	5,499	4,908	41,091	58,668	
Va.	1,681	2,148	2,592	33,302	36,194	
W.Va.	139	212	193	5,283	5,406	
N.C.	897	1,427	1,758	33,375	34,316	
S.C.	243	195	250	6,350	6,790	
Ga.	1,317	2,670	3,080	39,820	43,770	
Fla.	658	936	980	11,323	11,572	
S.A.	12,504	16,091	17,293	197,576	231,105	
Ky.	44	10	27	11,445	9,552	
Tenn.	243	256	340	11,456	10,590	
Ala.	233	370	320	8,595	7,515	
Miss.	214	150	220	5,260	5,500	
Ark.	582	245	1,015	6,828	13,094	
La.	216	250	170	4,748	4,523	
Okla.	488	302	310	23,920	21,610	
Tex.	1,491	2,100	1,600	50,300	46,098	
S.C.	3,511	3,683	4,002	122,552	118,482	
Mont.	---	4	4	2,009	1,721	
Idaho	4	10	8	3,072	2,820	
Wyo.	---	---	---	471	425	
Colo.	22	21	21	5,590	5,090	
N.Mex.	7	10	10	927	780	
Ariz.	88	44	40	1,242	1,041	
Utah	25	---	---	1,875	2,105	
Nev.	---	---	---	92	95	
Mount.	146	89	83	15,278	14,077	
Wash.	326	430	650	14,955	16,930	
Oreg.	150	172	320	7,253	7,158	
Calif.	3,345	3,701	4,145	58,013	60,008	
Pac.	3,821	4,303	5,115	80,221	84,096	
U.S.	37,468	38,944	45,660	1,218,533	1,138,774	

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
May 1949

The number of chicks produced by commercial hatcheries during May was 30 percent more than was produced during May last year and 5 percent above the May 1943-47 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. May production totaled 275,208,000 chicks. The demand for chicks continues above that of a year ago. The number of eggs in incubators and bookings for July delivery indicate that hatchery output will continue well above last year, during the next two months. The number of eggs in incubators on June 1 was 41 percent larger than on June 1 last year. The number of chicks booked on June 1 for July delivery was 89 percent larger than on June 1 last year.

Production of chicks for the first 5 months of this year totaled 1,086,255,000 -- an increase of 26 percent above the 862,475,000 produced during the same period last year.

Output of chicks during May was above last year in all sections of the country. Increases reported were 47 percent in the South Central, 40 percent in the New England, 39 percent in the Mountain, 33 percent in the West North Central, 30 percent in the East North Central, 21 percent in the Pacific, 18 percent in the South Atlantic and 16 percent in the Mid-Atlantic States.

The number of chicks sexed during May was 39 percent larger than a year ago. Of the total chicks hatched during May, 31 percent was sexed compared with 29 percent a year earlier.

Chicks and young chickens of this year's hatchings on farms June 1 are estimated at 556,054,000 -- 14 percent more than a year ago, but 2 percent below average holdings. Young chicken holdings were considerably above those of last year in all parts of the country. Increases were 24 percent in the North Atlantic, 19 percent in the West, 16 percent in the West North Central, 9 percent in the East North Central and 8 percent in the South Atlantic and South Central States.

Placements of chicks this year in the 7 commercial broiler areas for which records are available have been at record levels. Approximately 142,131,000 chicks were started in these 7 areas during the first 5 months of this year, compared with 103,136,000 during the same period last year, an increase of 38 percent.

TURKEY POULTS

The demand for poults during May was strong. Hatcheries reporting turkey operations during May showed 48 percent more poults hatched than in May 1948. Turkey hatcheries reporting during February, March, April and May hatched 11,477,000 poults or 62 percent more than during these months last year. Hatcheries reporting on eggs in incubators reported 58 percent more turkey eggs in their incubators on June 1 than a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State :	During May			January through May	
and :	Average 1943-47	1948 1/	1949 2/	1948 1/	1949 2/
Division:					
	Thousands				
Maine	1,335	1,036	1,502	4,984	7,460
N.H.	2,651	2,577	3,530	13,495	17,147
Vt.	284	245	284	1,112	1,373
Mass.	3,216	2,365	4,020	16,574	21,791
R.I.	435	329	421	1,357	1,987
Conn.	3,079	3,038	3,700	15,275	18,368
N.E.	11,000	9,590	13,457	52,797	68,126
N.Y.	4,566	3,337	4,100	16,685	20,923
N.J.	5,059	3,122	3,828	17,681	26,727
Pa.	10,250	7,421	8,180	39,674	44,785
M.A.	19,876	13,880	16,108	74,040	92,435
Ohio	15,011	10,494	12,500	40,121	48,400
Ind.	19,333	15,175	20,500	58,320	73,700
Ill.	24,679	18,819	24,250	70,848	84,349
Mich.	7,257	5,200	6,400	17,950	23,300
Wis.	7,664	4,969	7,652	16,869	22,182
E.N.C.	73,944	54,657	71,302	204,108	251,931
Minn.	19,268	14,495	17,684	43,085	54,512
Iowa	28,712	21,050	26,000	66,665	78,650
Mo.	23,091	17,220	24,000	56,580	72,400
N.Dak.	1,935	1,920	1,950	4,337	4,595
S.Dak.	5,130	4,500	5,600	12,700	15,845
Nebr.	8,355	6,050	9,500	25,025	29,100
Kans.	7,806	5,233	8,700	26,347	34,350
W.N.C.	94,297	70,468	93,434	234,739	289,452
Del.	3,377	3,810	4,600	16,819	22,979
Md.	5,376	6,619	7,600	28,392	36,294
Va.	4,810	5,232	6,029	22,212	27,960
W.Va.	1,084	1,181	1,441	3,935	5,201
N.C.	5,010	5,240	6,550	23,543	32,374
S.C.	1,037	1,150	1,375	5,020	6,470
Ga.	4,399	6,345	6,930	26,529	32,625
Fla.	1,250	1,120	1,602	6,620	10,252
S.A.	26,343	30,697	36,127	133,070	174,155
Ky.	2,588	1,899	3,300	8,807	12,050
Tenn.	2,270	1,900	2,300	8,155	10,375
Ala.	1,472	1,385	1,930	5,795	8,380
Miss.	1,040	1,200	1,460	5,180	6,800
Ark.	1,146	1,502	2,813	8,682	13,760
La.	784	639	734	3,624	4,197
Okla.	4,950	3,480	5,750	17,000	20,820
Tex.	8,284	6,920	9,500	36,180	44,200
S.C.	22,533	18,925	27,787	93,423	120,582
Mont.	415	535	590	1,697	1,673
Idaho	716	633	910	2,554	3,180
Wyo.	110	101	150	401	477
Colo.	1,536	1,220	1,950	4,896	6,831
N.Mex.	226	150	180	737	932
Ariz.	216	127	167	763	859
Utah	534	434	500	1,729	2,198
Nev.	29	8	25	93	130
Mount.	3,782	3,208	4,472	12,870	16,280
Wash.	2,288	2,810	3,091	13,620	16,917
Oreg.	1,358	1,325	1,560	6,182	7,857
Calif.	7,388	6,196	7,870	37,626	48,520
Pac.	11,035	10,331	12,521	57,428	73,294
U.S.	262,809	211,756	275,208	862,475	1,086,255
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Month	Month			To date			Number	Percent
	1948 1/	1949 2/	1949	1948 1/	1949 2/	Change from 1948		
	Thousands			Thousands				
January	52,601	80,899	+ 54	52,601	80,899	28,298		+ 54
February	97,869	144,244	+ 47	150,470	225,143	74,673		+ 50
March	214,482	276,548	+ 29	364,952	501,691	136,739		+ 37
April	285,767	309,356	+ 8	650,719	811,047	160,328		+ 25
May	211,756	275,208	+ 30	862,475	1,086,255	223,780		+ 26
June	92,707			955,182				
July	55,632			1,010,814				
August	47,247			1,058,061				
September	44,538			1,102,599				
October	46,810			1,149,409				
November	57,957			1,207,366				
December	54,979			1,262,345				

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS - BOOKINGS - SEXING

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators	Chicks booked June 1 for July delivery	Sexing
	% change from June 1, 1948		% change from May 1948
New England	0	+ 131	+ 30
Middle Atlantic	+ 16	+ 69	+ 14
East North Central	+ 61	+ 118	+ 37
West North Central	+104	+ 30	+ 43
South Atlantic	+ 6	+ 25	+ 29
South Central	+ 53	+ 153	+117
Mountain	+ 71	+ 100	+ 59
Pacific	+ 25	+ 78	+ 23
United States	+ 41	+ 89	+ 39

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON JUNE 1, 1949

State:	Heavy breeds			Light breed			Cross breeds		
and :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :
Div. :	run	pullets:	cockerels:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	run	pullets:	cockerels:
D o l l a r s									
Maine	17.50	29.50	9.50	---	---	---	17.50	28.50	10.50
N.H.	17.50	28.50	11.50	---	---	---	17.50	28.00	12.00
Vt.	18.00	29.00	10.50	---	---	---	17.50	28.00	11.00
Mass.	18.50	32.00	9.00	---	---	---	18.00	30.50	10.50
R.I.	18.50	29.50	10.50	---	---	---	18.00	29.00	11.50
Conn.	20.00	29.00	14.50	---	---	---	20.00	28.00	14.50
N.E.	18.50	30.00	10.50	---	---	---	18.80	28.50	12.30
N.Y.	18.00	30.00	11.00	16.50	33.50	2.80	18.00	28.50	10.50
N.J.	18.50	28.50	13.50	18.50	37.00	3.00	18.50	29.00	14.00
Pa.	17.00	26.50	12.50	16.00	31.00	3.00	17.00	25.50	13.50
M.A.	17.50	27.50	12.30	16.90	33.10	2.95	17.60	27.60	12.10
Ohio	15.50	22.00	13.50	15.00	29.50	3.70	15.50	22.00	14.50
Ind.	15.50	22.50	13.00	15.50	30.50	3.50	15.50	23.00	13.50
Ill.	14.50	21.50	12.50	14.50	29.00	3.30	15.50	21.50	11.50
Mich.	15.50	23.00	13.50	15.50	31.00	3.25	15.50	23.50	12.50
Wis.	15.50	19.00	15.50	15.50	31.50	2.20	16.00	25.00	13.00
E.N.C.	15.10	21.70	13.20	15.10	30.70	2.92	15.50	22.70	13.10
Minn.	16.00	28.00	14.00	15.50	32.00	2.10	16.00	32.00	6.30
Iowa	16.00	27.00	10.00	15.50	30.50	2.80	16.00	28.00	7.50
Mo.	13.50	18.00	11.00	13.00	23.50	4.00	13.50	22.00	7.00
N.Dak.	17.00	25.00	14.50	17.00	33.00	3.00	17.00	32.50	5.80
S.Dak.	17.00	28.00	10.50	16.00	32.00	2.65	16.00	31.00	5.60
Nebr.	15.50	25.50	9.50	15.50	30.50	3.00	15.00	29.00	5.30
Kans.	14.50	22.00	11.50	14.50	28.00	3.80	14.50	26.50	7.50
W.N.C.	15.10	24.40	11.20	14.90	30.00	2.70	15.00	28.30	6.74
Del.	15.50	---	---	16.00	---	---	14.50	---	---
Md.	15.50	22.00	14.00	16.00	31.00	3.50	14.50	---	---
Va.	15.00	21.00	14.00	15.50	31.00	4.00	15.50	21.50	15.00
W.Va.	15.50	21.50	14.00	15.00	28.00	4.00	15.00	21.50	14.00
N.C.	15.00	21.00	13.50	15.00	29.00	4.20	15.00	---	---
S.C.	14.00	22.00	13.50	14.00	27.00	4.50	14.00	21.00	13.50
Ga.	15.50	20.00	12.00	14.50	25.50	4.00	14.00	17.00	12.00
Fla.	17.00	23.00	16.00	16.50	33.00	4.50	17.50	---	---
S.A.	15.40	21.20	13.80	15.40	---	---	14.60	---	---
Ky.	14.50	25.00	12.00	14.00	28.00	4.80	15.00	21.00	13.00
Tenn.	14.00	20.00	12.50	13.50	27.50	4.50	15.50	19.50	13.50
Ala.	15.00	20.00	13.50	14.00	29.00	5.00	14.00	18.00	13.00
Miss.	14.50	---	---	14.50	---	---	14.50	21.50	13.50
E.S.C.	14.40	22.50	12.80	14.00	---	---	14.80	---	---
Ark.	14.00	17.00	13.00	13.00	25.00	4.30	14.00	20.00	12.00
La.	15.00	18.50	15.00	15.50	27.00	5.00	15.00	18.00	14.50
Okla.	13.50	19.50	13.00	13.50	26.00	6.00	13.50	22.50	10.50
Tex.	14.00	22.00	12.00	14.00	25.00	5.00	14.00	22.00	11.00
W.S.C.	13.90	20.80	12.50	13.80	25.20	5.25	13.90	22.10	10.90
Mont.	18.00	25.00	17.00	18.50	33.50	5.00	18.00	30.50	9.30
Idaho	18.50	27.50	16.00	18.00	33.00	5.00	18.00	31.00	10.00
Wyo.	17.50	25.00	17.00	17.50	32.00	6.00	18.00	---	---
Colo.	16.00	20.00	14.50	15.50	27.50	4.60	16.00	21.50	13.00
N.Mex.	15.50	22.00	14.00	15.50	25.00	6.00	15.50	23.50	13.50
Ariz.	17.00	24.00	15.00	17.50	31.00	6.00	17.00	24.00	16.50
Utah	19.00	24.00	18.50	17.50	34.00	4.30	20.00	24.00	20.00
Mount.	17.20	---	---	16.70	---	---	17.20	---	---
Wash.	18.50	33.50	14.50	18.50	35.50	3.85	18.50	32.00	11.00
Oreg.	18.00	29.00	14.00	18.00	36.00	4.00	18.00	28.00	14.00
Calif.	18.00	23.00	18.00	17.50	35.00	3.70	18.50	22.00	18.00
Pac.	18.20	27.70	16.20	17.80	35.20	3.76	18.50	---	---
U.S.	15.50	24.10	12.40	15.20	30.70	3.08	15.50	26.40	10.20

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
November 1949

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Commercial hatcheries produced 57,571,000 chicks in November, slightly under the record high output of 57,957,000 produced during November last year, but 51 percent larger than the 5-year average for the month, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. The demand for chicks for commercial broiler production, while remaining on a relatively high level, continues to show a decline from last year. The number of eggs in incubators on December 1 was 13 percent less than the number in incubators on December 1 last year. The number of chicks booked on December 1 for January delivery was 1 percent less than on December 1 a year ago. November was the first month in 1949 during which the number of chicks produced fell under the production of a year ago. Total production of chicks during the 11 months of this year shows an increase of 23 percent above the number produced during the same months last year.

November chick production was larger in four areas of the country than it was in November last year, but these increases were more than offset by decreases in other areas. Increases reported were 21 percent in the East and West South Central, 10 percent in the South Atlantic, and 8 percent in the New England States. Decreases reported were 36 percent in the East North Central, 31 percent in the West North Central, 7 percent in the Pacific Coast and 6 percent in the Mountain States. Production was about the same as last year in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Average cost of the United States Farm poultry ration in mid-November was \$3.31 per 100 pounds, compared with \$3.40 in mid-October and with \$3.59 in November a year ago. The egg-feed, chicken-feed, and turkey-feed price relationships are less favorable than a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State and Division:	Average 1943-47	During November 1948 1/	1949 2/	January through November 1948 1/	1949 2/
Thousands					
Maine	198	282	338	6,966	10,209
N.H.	1,473	2,145	2,252	24,690	28,248
Vt.	18	33	6	1,433	1,659
Mass.	696	860	1,204	22,400	28,952
R.I.	166	173	268	2,218	3,229
Conn.	1,538	2,274	2,138	29,918	31,669
N.E.	4,089	5,767	6,206	87,625	103,966
N.Y.	446	652	786	21,463	26,948
N.J.	815	1,443	1,700	25,131	36,673
Pa.	1,260	2,288	1,900	54,126	62,115
M.A.	2,522	4,383	4,380	100,720	125,736
Ohio	749	1,378	950	52,311	60,047
Ind.	2,382	3,135	2,500	82,390	97,850
Ill.	1,308	2,214	642	90,405	104,816
Mich.	79	175	250	20,350	27,210
Wis.	115	117	117	18,987	25,424
E.N.C.	4,633	7,019	4,459	264,443	315,347
Minn.	8	57	165	44,455	57,522
Iowa	397	750	590	74,110	85,970
Mo.	2,145	3,280	1,870	79,950	93,070
N.Dak.	--	--	--	4,740	5,335
S.Dak.	--	--	--	13,500	17,045
Nebr.	6	468	234	27,225	31,629
Kans.	287	514	620	29,645	38,154
W.N.C.	2,844	5,069	3,479	273,625	328,725
Del.	3,762	4,265	4,078	37,253	45,614
Md.	4,569	6,024	5,786	60,025	72,252
Va.	2,033	3,373	3,536	39,783	48,213
W.Va.	158	312	447	6,065	8,050
N.C.	1,642	2,572	3,051	36,430	49,653
S.C.	278	375	275	7,165	8,465
Ga.	2,262	4,704	6,150	50,269	61,087
Fla.	895	1,320	2,000	12,380	18,502
S.A.	15,599	22,945	25,323	249,370	311,836
Ky.	29	202	75	10,050	12,990
Tenn.	228	385	390	10,785	13,380
Ala.	458	545	1,000	8,765	13,305
Miss.	242	620	650	8,290	10,920
E.S.C.	957	1,752	2,115	37,890	50,595
Ark.	921	1,680	2,274	13,958	23,802
La.	236	289	321	4,898	5,524
Okla.	520	480	540	19,740	24,450
Tex.	1,781	2,290	2,600	48,300	59,600
W.S.C.	3,458	4,739	5,735	86,896	113,376
Mont.	--	26	26	1,959	2,026
Idaho	8	11	15	2,841	3,540
Wyo.	--	--	--	425	500
Colo.	9	46	46	5,660	7,782
N.Mex.	9	13	13	828	1,018
Ariz.	58	66	51	1,023	1,128
Utah	13	20	20	2,161	2,570
Nev.	--	--	--	95	139
MOUNT.	97	182	171	14,992	18,703
Wash.	368	960	403	18,340	21,121
Oreg.	135	423	350	8,841	10,667
Calif.	3,302	4,718	4,950	64,624	81,681
Pac.	3,804	6,101	5,703	91,805	113,469
U.S.	38,004	57,957	57,571	1,207,366	1,481,753

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CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - UNITED STATES

Month	Month			To date			Change from 1948	
	1949			1948			1948	
	1948 1/	1949 2/	1948	1948 1/	1949 2/	Number	Percent	
	Thousands			Thousands				
January	52,601	80,899	+ 54	52,601	80,899	28,298	+ 54	
February	97,869	144,244	+ 47	150,470	225,143	74,673	+ 50	
March	214,482	276,548	+ 29	364,952	501,691	136,739	+ 37	
April	285,767	309,356	+ 8	650,719	811,047	160,328	+ 25	
May	211,756	275,208	+ 30	862,475	1,086,255	223,780	+ 26	
June	92,707	111,670	+ 20	955,182	1,197,925	242,743	+ 25	
July	55,632	58,337	+ 5	1,010,814	1,256,262	245,448	+ 24	
August	47,247	52,164	+ 10	1,058,061	1,308,426	250,365	+ 24	
September	44,538	53,078	+ 19	1,102,599	1,361,504	258,905	+ 23	
October	46,810	62,678	+ 34	1,149,409	1,424,182	274,773	+ 24	
November	57,957	57,571	- 1	1,207,366	1,481,753	274,387	+ 23	
December	54,979			1,262,345				

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS-BOOKINGS

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators		Chicks booked December 1 for January delivery	
	Percent change from December 1, 1948			
New England	+ 28		+ 33	
Middle Atlantic	- 6		+ 17	
East North Central	- 32		+ 25	
West North Central	- 44		- 42	
South Atlantic	- 21		- 30	
East South Central	+ 35		+ 49	
West South Central	+ 2		- 41	
Mountain	+ 5		---	
Pacific	+ 3		- 5	
United States	- 13		- 1	

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON DECEMBER 1, 1949

State:	Heavy breeds			:	Light breeds			:	Cross breeds		
and	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed	:	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed	:	Straight:	Sexed:	Sexed
Div. :	run	pullets:	cockerels:	:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	:	run	pullets:	cockerels:
	D o l l a r s										
Maine	17.00	29.50	10.50	---	---	---	---	---	16.50	27.00	11.00
N. H.	17.50	29.00	12.00	---	---	---	---	---	16.50	26.00	12.50
Vt.	18.00	29.50	11.00	---	---	---	---	---	17.50	27.00	11.50
Mass.	18.50	32.50	10.00	---	---	---	---	---	17.50	29.50	11.50
R. I.	18.00	29.50	11.00	---	---	---	---	---	17.00	28.00	12.50
Conn.	19.00	29.00	14.50	---	---	---	---	---	18.50	26.50	15.50
N. E.	18.20	29.90	12.10	---	---	---	---	---	17.60	26.20	14.00
N. Y.	18.00	29.00	12.00	18.00	35.00	3.00	---	---	18.00	28.00	11.00
N. J.	19.00	28.00	16.00	19.00	36.00	5.00	---	---	19.00	28.00	16.00
Pa.	16.50	25.00	13.00	17.00	34.50	4.00	---	---	16.50	22.00	15.50
M. A.	17.60	26.50	14.50	18.10	35.20	4.50	---	---	17.70	---	---
Ohio	15.00	19.00	14.50	15.00	28.00	4.75	---	---	15.00	19.00	14.00
Ind.	15.50	19.50	15.00	16.00	30.00	3.00	---	---	15.50	22.00	15.00
Ill.	15.00	18.50	14.50	15.00	25.00	5.00	---	---	16.50	18.50	16.00
Mich.	16.00	---	---	16.00	---	---	---	---	16.00	---	---
Wis.	---	---	---	16.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
E. N. C.	15.30	19.30	14.80	15.60	---	---	---	---	15.60	---	---
Minn.	13.50	---	---	13.00	---	---	---	---	13.50	---	---
Iowa	15.50	27.00	15.00	16.00	30.00	5.00	---	---	15.50	25.00	10.00
Mo.	13.00	17.00	11.00	13.50	24.00	4.00	---	---	14.00	22.00	10.00
Nebr.	15.00	---	---	15.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kans.	15.00	21.00	12.00	15.00	25.50	4.50	---	---	15.00	26.00	7.00
W. N. C.	14.00	---	---	14.10	---	---	---	---	14.60	---	---
Del.	14.50	---	---	15.00	---	---	---	---	14.50	---	---
Md.	14.50	22.00	14.50	15.00	---	---	---	---	14.50	---	---
Va.	15.00	21.00	16.00	15.00	---	---	---	---	16.00	20.50	16.00
W. Va.	16.00	22.00	15.00	16.00	---	---	---	---	16.00	22.00	15.00
N. C.	15.00	20.00	14.00	14.50	27.00	4.00	---	---	15.00	---	---
S. C.	14.00	20.50	13.50	14.00	---	---	---	---	14.00	---	---
Ga.	13.00	19.00	12.00	13.00	21.00	3.50	---	---	13.00	16.00	11.00
Fla.	16.00	23.00	16.00	16.00	31.00	3.50	---	---	16.00	23.00	12.50
S. A.	14.50	20.50	15.00	14.50	---	---	---	---	14.30	---	---
Ky.	16.00	24.00	11.50	15.00	26.00	4.50	---	---	15.00	20.00	12.00
Tenn.	15.00	21.00	16.00	15.00	30.00	5.50	---	---	16.00	20.00	15.00
Ala.	16.00	21.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	5.00	---	---	16.00	19.00	14.00
Miss.	15.50	---	---	15.50	---	---	---	---	15.50	---	---
E. S. C.	15.60	---	---	15.20	---	---	---	---	15.90	---	---
Ark.	15.00	17.00	13.00	14.00	25.00	4.00	---	---	15.00	20.00	12.00
La.	14.50	17.00	14.50	16.00	29.00	5.00	---	---	15.50	17.00	12.00
Okla.	15.00	19.50	14.50	15.00	28.00	6.90	---	---	15.00	23.00	13.50
Tex.	14.50	23.00	14.00	14.50	25.00	5.00	---	---	14.50	25.00	14.00
W. S. C.	14.90	---	---	14.40	---	---	---	---	14.90	---	---
Idaho	18.00	25.00	15.50	17.50	33.00	5.00	---	---	17.00	30.00	9.00
Ariz.	17.50	25.00	15.00	17.50	30.00	7.50	---	---	18.00	25.00	17.00
MOUNT.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wash.	19.00	33.50	15.00	19.00	39.00	5.00	---	---	19.00	31.00	11.00
Oreg.	18.00	30.00	16.00	18.00	37.00	4.70	---	---	18.00	29.00	14.00
Calif.	18.50	23.00	18.50	18.50	36.50	4.50	---	---	18.50	22.00	18.50
PAC.	18.50	23.00	---	18.50	---	---	---	---	18.50	22.00	---
U. S.	15.40	23.40	14.10	15.70	33.00	4.55	---	---	15.30	24.10	16.20

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
February 1951

The number of chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries during February totaled 158,537,000, the largest of record for that month, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. This number was 12 percent above the 141,846,000 chicks hatched during February last year, which was the previous high record output for the month and 35 percent above the 1945-49 average hatch of 117,854,000. The demand for chicks for broiler production continues very strong. A total of 35,871,000 chicks were placed in 7 principal broiler producing areas during February, compared with 27,873,000 during February last year -- an increase of 29 percent. The demand for chicks for flock replacements during February was slow, due primarily to the cold weather prevailing throughout the northern part of the country. However, hatcheries report a good demand for chicks for flock replacements during the next 2 months. A relatively large hatch for both farm flock replacements and broiler production can be expected during March, as the number of eggs in incubators on March 1 was 10 percent larger than a year ago.

Approximately 32 percent more chicks were sexed during February this year than last, indicating a strong demand for sexed pullets.

Compared with a year ago the only area to report a decrease in chicks hatched was the East North Central States. This decrease was 2 percent. Increases reported were 27 percent in the Pacific Coast, 22 percent in the West North Central, 20 percent in the Mountain, 18 percent in the South Atlantic and East South Central, 14 percent in the New England, 7 percent in the West South Central and 1 percent in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Prices received by farmers for eggs in mid-February averaged 41.4 cents a dozen compared with 42.6 cents in mid-January and 29.6 cents in February a year ago. Farmers received an average of 26.9 cents per pound live weight for chickens in mid-February compared with 21.8 cents a year earlier. The mid-February price for turkeys averaged 34.5 cents per pound live weight compared with 31.6 cents a year ago. The mid-February cost of the farm poultry ration for the United States was \$3.96, per 100 pounds compared with \$3.89 a month earlier and \$3.35 a year ago. The egg-feed and chicken-feed price relationships were more favorable than a year ago, but the turkey-feed relationship continues less favorable.

TURKEYS

Hatcheries supplying information on turkey operations reported 10 percent more turkey poults hatched during February 1951 than during February last year. These same hatcheries reported 16 percent more eggs in incubators on March 1 than a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State : and : Division:	Average 1945-49	During February : 1950 1/	January : 1951 2/	January through February : 1951 : revised :	1950 1/	1951 2/
T h o u s a n d s						
Maine	866	1,205	1,397	1,182	2,310	2,579
N.H.	2,380	3,118	3,637	3,223	6,130	6,860
Vt.	175	190	124	105	352	229
Mass.	3,624	4,071	3,867	3,495	7,712	7,362
R.I.	256	195	200	172	338	372
Conn.	2,944	3,296	4,584	3,943	6,555	8,527
N.E.	10,246	12,075	13,809	12,120	23,397	25,929
N.Y.	3,110	3,610	3,750	2,266	5,995	6,016
N.J.	3,523	6,275	6,600	3,368	10,433	9,968
Pa.	7,382	7,560	7,200	5,480	13,210	12,680
M.A.	14,015	17,445	17,550	11,114	29,638	28,664
Ohio	4,872	6,450	6,300	2,250	8,950	8,550
Ind.	8,157	9,710	9,952	4,916	14,483	14,868
Ill.	7,171	7,928	7,500	1,842	11,217	9,342
Mich.	1,640	3,450	3,200	1,244	4,670	4,444
Wis.	760	1,439	1,500	390	1,746	1,890
E.N.C.	22,601	28,977	28,452	10,642	41,066	39,094
Minn.	1,600	2,190	2,600	306	2,490	2,906
Iowa	4,457	5,150	4,100	826	6,600	4,926
Mo.	6,894	6,200	9,500	3,046	8,500	12,546
N.Dak.	69	18	45	0	18	45
S.Dak.	447	197	250	0	197	250
Nebr.	2,646	2,400	2,675	683	3,185	3,358
Kans.	3,262	2,980	4,220	1,274	3,960	5,494
W.N.C.	19,375	19,135	23,390	6,135	24,950	29,525
Del.	3,067	3,472	5,280	5,232	6,826	10,512
Md.	4,722	5,076	7,037	7,109	10,763	14,146
Va.	3,541	4,365	5,592	4,172	8,090	9,764
W.Va.	403	676	670	564	1,175	1,234
N.C.	4,188	5,590	5,867	3,678	8,788	9,545
S.C.	947	1,645	1,235	651	2,377	1,886
Ga.	4,572	7,574	8,060	5,370	13,168	13,430
Fla.	1,392	1,750	1,850	1,574	3,480	3,424
S.A.	22,831	30,148	35,591	28,350	54,667	63,941
Ky.	1,181	1,300	1,300	298	1,720	1,598
Tenn.	1,308	1,600	1,800	622	2,210	2,422
Ala.	1,159	1,644	2,090	1,306	2,672	3,396
Miss.	950	1,784	2,271	1,944	3,263	4,215
E.S.C.	4,599	6,328	7,461	4,170	9,865	11,631
Ark.	1,608	2,912	3,522	3,335	5,668	6,857
La.	747	817	736	401	1,214	1,137
Okla.	2,985	2,100	2,350	1,367	3,030	3,717
Tex.	6,348	7,887	8,000	5,069	11,587	13,069
W.S.C.	11,688	13,716	14,608	10,172	21,499	24,780
Mont.	131	163	250	41	185	291
Idaho	305	418	680	173	444	853
Wyo.	42	45	78	7	51	85
Colo.	733	877	889	384	1,246	1,273
N.Mex.	183	172	110	16	194	126
Ariz.	189	180	205	85	270	290
Utah	258	309	390	106	412	496
Nev.	16	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNT.	1,856	2,164	2,602	812	2,802	3,414
Wash.	2,172	2,519	3,426	1,893	3,740	5,319
Oreg.	1,001	1,474	2,210	1,351	2,369	3,561
Calif.	7,469	7,865	9,438	8,062	14,583	17,500
PAC.	10,642	11,858	15,074	11,306	20,692	26,380
U.S.	117,854	141,846	158,537	94,821	228,576	253,358
I/ Revised.	2/ Preliminary.					

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - UNITED STATES

		Month		To date			
Month	1950 1/	1951 2/	% change: from 1950:	1950 1/	1951 2/	Change from 1950 Number	Percent
	Thousands			Thousands			
January	86,730	94,821	+ 9	86,730	94,821	+ 8,091	+ 9
February	141,846	158,537	+ 12	228,576	253,358	+ 24,782	+ 11
March	266,969			495,545			
April	284,525			780,070			
May	214,623			994,693			
June	104,660			1,099,353			
July	76,525			1,175,878			
August	75,885			1,251,763			
September	72,897			1,324,660			
October	74,506			1,399,166			
November	70,729			1,469,895			
December	68,326			1,538,221			
1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. (January 1951 also revised).							

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - BOOKINGS - SEXING

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators	Chicks booked March 1 for April delivery	Sexing
	% change from March 1, 1950	% change from February 1950	
New England	+ 26	+ 53	+ 33
Middle Atlantic	+ 10	+ 38	+ 24
East North Central	+ 17	+ 25	+ 58
West North Central	+ 14	+ 7	+ 5
South Atlantic	+ 15	+ 39	+ 86
East South Central	+ 3	+ 5	+ 45
West South Central	+ 11	+ 52	+ 20
Mountain	+ 9	+ 7	+ 56
Pacific	+ 5	+ 38	+ 29
UNITED STATES	+ 10	+ 24	+ 32

CHICKS PLACED MONTHLY IN 7 PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL PRODUCING AREAS 1/

		Month		To date			
Month	1950 2/	1951	% change: from 1950:	1950	1951	Change from 1950 Number	Percent
	Thousands			Thousands			
January	26,872	34,514	+ 28	26,872	34,514	+ 7,642	+ 28
February	27,873	35,871	+ 29	54,745	70,385	+ 15,640	+ 29
March	35,829			90,574			
April	32,081			122,655			
May	31,160			153,815			
June	31,099			184,914			
July	31,994			216,808			
August	31,659			248,567			
September	31,120			279,687			
October	29,847			309,534			
November	28,980			338,514			
December	31,232			369,746			

1/ Eastern Conn., Del-Mar-Va., Shenandoah Valley of Va., & W. Va., N. C. Chatham-Wilkes, N. Georgia, N. W. Arkansas, Texas.
2/ Revised.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES 1950 (REVISED)

State and Division	January	February	March	April	May	June
	T h o u s a n d s					
Maine	1,105	1,205	1,521	1,507	1,464	1,177
N.H.	3,012	3,118	3,968	3,614	3,260	2,728
Vt.	162	190	312	307	203	80
Mass.	3,641	4,071	4,899	4,071	3,178	2,019
R.I.	143	195	193	193	172	149
Conn.	3,259	3,296	3,558	3,483	3,558	3,109
N.E.	11,322	12,075	14,451	13,175	11,835	9,262
N.Y.	2,385	3,610	4,850	4,480	3,383	1,434
N.J.	4,158	6,275	7,546	6,545	3,503	2,079
Pa.	5,650	7,560	10,908	10,250	7,254	4,534
M.A.	12,193	17,445	23,304	21,275	14,640	8,047
Ohio	2,500	6,450	12,950	13,200	10,550	4,450
Ind.	4,773	9,710	18,073	18,542	14,629	7,152
Ill.	3,289	7,928	16,783	18,976	15,433	5,398
Mich.	1,220	3,450	6,860	6,460	4,930	2,100
Wis.	307	1,439	5,120	7,125	5,710	1,652
E.N.C.	12,089	28,977	59,786	64,303	51,252	20,752
Minn.	300	2,190	14,420	21,640	16,390	1,730
Iowa	1,450	5,150	17,300	24,700	20,000	3,500
Mo.	2,300	6,200	17,100	20,400	15,100	5,700
N.Dak.	0	18	928	2,100	1,979	375
S.Dak.	0	197	3,081	4,754	4,121	1,017
Nebr.	785	2,400	7,710	8,550	4,820	640
Kans.	280	2,280	2,375	10,695	4,605	1,185
W.N.C.	5,815	19,135	69,914	92,839	67,015	14,147
Del.	3,354	3,472	5,132	4,396	4,713	4,752
Md.	5,687	5,076	8,001	6,844	7,239	7,330
Va.	3,725	4,365	7,359	6,970	5,294	4,501
W.Va.	499	676	1,295	1,346	1,295	783
N.C.	3,198	5,590	8,431	7,270	5,258	4,181
S.C.	732	1,645	2,073	1,832	1,363	880
Ga.	5,594	7,574	9,209	9,381	8,348	7,746
Fla.	1,230	1,250	1,280	1,280	1,530	1,260
S.A.	24,519	30,148	43,480	39,819	35,040	31,433
Ky.	420	1,300	2,900	3,000	1,700	270
Tenn.	610	1,600	3,000	2,900	1,750	700
Ala.	1,028	1,644	2,465	2,105	1,416	1,014
Miss.	1,479	1,784	2,472	2,383	2,183	1,814
E.S.C.	3,537	6,328	10,837	10,388	7,049	3,728
Ark.	2,756	2,912	4,350	4,327	3,742	2,820
La.	397	817	1,347	1,123	594	293
Okla.	930	2,100	4,730	4,100	1,800	750
Tex.	3,700	7,887	12,273	12,065	6,757	3,855
W.S.C.	7,283	13,716	22,700	21,615	12,893	7,718
Mont.	22	163	622	749	507	119
Idaho	26	418	917	972	656	243
Wyo.	6	45	140	160	90	0
Colo.	369	877	1,804	1,886	1,435	615
N.Mex.	22	172	305	294	133	13
Ariz.	90	180	275	240	150	87
Utah	103	309	721	747	463	180
Nev.	0	0	28	34	38	0
MOUNT.	638	2,164	4,812	5,082	3,472	1,257
Wash.	1,221	2,519	3,682	3,779	2,132	1,163
Oreg.	895	1,474	2,369	2,255	1,512	857
Calif.	6,718	7,865	11,634	9,995	7,783	6,226
PAC.	8,834	11,858	17,685	16,029	11,427	8,246
U.S.	86,730	141,846	266,969	284,525	214,623	104,660

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES 1950 (REVISED)

State and Division	July	August	September	October	November	December
T h o u s a n d s						
Maine	1,148	1,019	1,177	1,019	990	1,019
N.H.	2,551	2,799	2,728	2,516	2,445	2,693
Vt.	19	10	31	23	55	58
Mass.	1,820	2,019	1,953	1,655	1,523	2,251
R.I.	191	189	189	96	76	124
Conn.	2,921	3,184	3,371	2,622	2,247	2,847
N.E.	8,650	9,220	9,449	7,931	7,336	8,992
N.Y.	885	1,021	938	807	650	1,063
N.J.	1,424	1,502	1,502	1,656	1,116	1,194
Pa.	2,257	3,548	3,482	3,350	2,760	2,957
M.A.	5,266	6,071	5,922	5,813	4,526	5,214
Ohio	2,650	2,300	1,650	1,600	1,100	1,000
Ind.	5,034	4,490	4,415	4,195	3,544	2,895
Ill.	3,711	3,036	2,530	2,867	2,614	1,771
Mich.	610	530	415	405	465	390
Wis.	448	401	330	330	354	378
E.N.C.	12,453	10,757	9,340	9,327	8,077	6,434
Minn.	180	170	140	160	210	170
Iowa	1,000	900	600	700	700	600
Mo.	3,800	3,800	3,500	3,400	3,100	2,300
N.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Dak.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebr.	135	185	275	340	365	315
Kans.	845	810	645	575	645	510
W.N.C.	5,960	5,865	5,160	5,175	5,020	3,895
Del.	4,724	4,941	5,187	4,617	4,479	5,135
Md.	7,081	7,421	7,004	6,836	6,488	6,686
Va.	3,798	3,543	3,551	3,899	3,760	4,102
W.Va.	615	560	453	521	429	451
N.C.	3,469	3,227	3,117	3,743	3,314	2,786
S.C.	650	631	613	707	618	514
Ga.	7,229	6,799	6,283	6,713	6,627	4,560
Fla.	940	990	1,140	1,260	1,380	1,260
S.A.	28,506	28,112	27,348	28,226	27,095	25,494
Ky.	100	90	110	130	160	120
Tenn.	600	550	500	525	400	365
Ala.	942	973	1,067	1,348	1,368	930
Miss.	1,381	1,270	1,321	1,547	1,602	1,418
E.S.C.	3,023	2,883	2,998	3,550	3,530	2,833
Ark.	2,320	2,177	2,060	2,516	2,913	3,117
La.	128	197	336	549	447	230
Okla.	500	550	570	680	610	530
Tex.	2,847	3,257	2,946	3,900	3,867	3,262
W.S.C.	5,795	6,181	5,912	7,645	7,837	7,846
Mont.	31	20	16	12	13	13
Idaho	57	61	38	45	71	67
Wyo.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colo.	271	197	123	164	246	213
N.Mex.	14	9	8	8	6	6
Ariz.	81	80	70	85	84	72
Utah	26	10	8	8	0	0
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNT.	480	377	263	322	420	371
Wash.	833	678	853	970	775	775
Oreg.	643	580	491	491	542	491
Calif.	4,916	5,161	5,161	4,916	5,571	5,281
PAC.	6,392	6,419	6,505	6,377	6,888	7,247
U.S.	76,525	75,885	72,827	74,506	70,722	68,326

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, BY STATES, 1945-50

State and Division	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
T h o u s a n d s						
Maine	9,285	6,385	7,420	7,301	13,156	14,351
N.H.	27,756	25,294	24,755	26,892	32,657	35,432
Vt.	1,477	1,449	1,742	1,453	1,689	1,450
Mass.	32,956	20,801	23,090	23,502	31,986	33,100
R.I.	3,880	2,420	2,560	1,750	2,250	1,910
Conn.	34,092	24,418	28,480	31,809	33,577	37,455
N.E.	109,446	80,767	88,047	92,707	115,315	123,698
N.Y.	32,852	22,546	23,350	22,043	27,634	25,506
N.J.	37,235	30,475	28,253	26,233	36,500	38,500
Pa.	78,390	61,970	60,620	55,800	62,975	65,710
M.A.	148,477	114,991	112,223	104,076	127,109	129,716
Ohio	81,500	59,500	54,500	53,000	63,600	60,400
Ind.	122,485	92,690	89,000	84,760	100,150	97,452
Ill.	131,113	96,031	102,500	92,250	95,000	84,336
Mich.	33,700	27,000	25,500	20,500	28,165	27,835
Wis.	32,240	24,100	23,326	19,100	24,836	23,594
E.N.C.	401,038	299,321	294,826	269,610	311,751	293,617
Minn.	71,559	62,256	63,501	44,500	59,833	57,700
Iowa	105,125	87,075	91,440	74,985	81,015	76,600
Mo.	130,000	92,000	84,000	82,000	93,800	86,700
N.Dak.	5,442	5,858	6,300	4,740	5,500	5,400
S.Dak.	18,400	16,500	17,850	13,500	15,560	13,170
Nebr.	34,276	30,156	31,078	27,500	28,500	26,520
Kans.	46,238	37,600	36,800	30,250	38,350	33,850
W.N.C.	411,040	331,445	330,969	277,475	322,558	299,940
Del.	45,582	29,350	34,131	42,076	49,630	54,902
Md.	73,759	51,905	48,974	66,342	78,822	81,693
Va.	42,626	35,079	36,913	43,242	51,719	54,867
W.Va.	5,792	5,146	5,713	6,427	8,788	8,923
N.C.	38,114	35,160	35,640	38,984	44,538	53,584
S.C.	8,215	7,430	6,740	7,390	8,703	12,258
Ga.	36,700	36,875	45,250	54,700	68,600	86,063
Fla.	11,346	12,800	13,000	13,800	16,000	17,000
S.A.	262,134	213,745	226,361	272,961	326,800	369,290
Ky.	12,860	10,979	11,483	10,100	13,400	10,300
Tenn.	13,519	11,660	11,898	11,085	13,525	13,500
Ala.	10,876	10,290	9,220	9,110	15,160	16,300
Miss.	6,840	6,200	7,900	8,800	11,580	20,654
E.S.C.	44,095	39,122	40,501	39,095	53,665	60,754
Ark.	14,000	10,000	8,177	16,068	26,677	36,010
La.	5,451	4,983	5,100	5,076	6,018	6,458
Okla.	34,500	26,000	24,600	20,000	20,900	17,850
Tex.	59,200	52,000	54,700	51,300	61,200	67,323
W.S.C.	113,151	92,983	92,577	92,444	114,795	127,641
Mont.	1,610	1,679	2,013	1,985	2,320	2,287
Idaho	3,431	3,135	3,096	2,991	3,307	3,571
Wyo.	387	453	471	425	410	441
Colo.	7,838	4,280	6,300	5,700	7,809	8,200
N.Mex.	1,350	1,101	945	837	1,193	990
Ariz.	1,687	1,187	1,328	1,070	1,168	1,494
Utah	3,320	2,400	1,875	2,170	2,690	2,575
Nev.	163	89	92	95	116	100
Mount.	19,786	14,324	16,120	15,273	19,013	19,658
Wash.	18,985	12,660	15,775	19,100	20,055	19,380
Oreg.	8,400	6,200	7,800	9,200	12,200	12,600
Calif.	84,221	59,973	64,394	69,949	81,679	81,927
Pacific	111,606	78,833	87,969	98,249	113,934	113,907
U.S.	1,620,773	1,265,538	1,289,593	1,261,890	1,504,940	1,538,221

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON MARCH 1, 1951

State:	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			Cross breeds		
and :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed
Div.:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	run	pullets:	cockerels:
D o l l a r s									
Maine	17.00	27.50	10.00	---	---	---	16.00	26.00	9.50
N.H.	17.50	28.00	12.50	---	---	---	16.50	26.00	11.50
Vt.	17.50	27.50	11.50	---	---	---	17.00	27.00	11.00
Mass.	18.00	31.00	10.50	---	---	---	17.50	31.00	10.00
R.I.	18.00	28.00	12.50	---	---	---	17.50	27.50	11.50
Conn.	18.50	27.50	13.00	---	---	---	18.00	27.00	13.00
N.E.	17.90	29.00	11.60	---	---	---	17.40	27.20	11.40
N.Y.	17.50	28.00	10.50	17.50	35.50	3.50	17.50	28.00	11.00
N.J.	19.00	29.00	13.00	19.00	37.50	4.00	19.00	29.50	13.00
Pa.	15.50	25.50	10.50	16.00	33.00	2.75	15.50	23.50	13.00
M.A.	17.00	27.00	11.20	17.60	35.30	3.40	17.30	27.00	12.30
Ohio	15.50	24.00	12.50	16.00	32.50	3.40	16.00	24.00	12.50
Ind.	15.50	24.00	11.50	15.50	31.00	3.00	15.50	25.00	13.00
Ill.	15.50	21.00	13.50	15.00	27.00	4.50	15.50	21.00	12.00
Mich.	16.00	25.00	13.00	16.00	32.50	3.50	16.00	25.00	14.50
Wis.	16.00	20.50	15.50	16.00	32.50	2.50	16.00	23.00	14.00
E.N.C.	15.50	23.00	12.70	15.70	31.60	3.14	15.70	23.80	13.00
Minn.	15.50	27.00	12.50	15.00	30.50	2.25	15.00	30.00	4.60
Iowa	15.00	26.00	10.50	15.00	30.50	3.00	15.00	28.50	7.00
Mo.	13.50	18.00	11.50	13.00	23.00	3.60	13.50	20.00	10.00
N.Dak.	16.50	23.50	15.50	16.50	33.00	3.50	16.50	31.50	7.00
S.Dak.	15.50	26.50	10.50	15.50	32.50	3.00	15.50	31.00	6.00
Nebr.	15.50	25.50	11.00	15.50	30.00	3.80	15.50	29.00	5.90
Kans.	15.50	24.00	12.50	15.00	30.00	4.00	15.00	25.50	6.50
W.N.C.	14.40	22.20	11.40	14.20	28.40	3.05	14.60	24.80	7.62
Del.	13.50	---	---	15.00	---	---	13.50	---	---
Md.	13.50	28.00	12.00	15.00	32.50	3.50	13.50	23.00	12.50
Va.	14.50	21.00	14.00	15.50	31.00	3.00	14.50	21.00	13.50
W.Va.	15.00	22.00	12.50	15.00	29.50	3.50	14.50	23.00	12.50
N.C.	14.50	22.00	12.00	15.00	31.00	4.80	14.50	24.50	12.50
S.C.	14.50	25.00	9.00	15.00	32.00	4.00	15.00	22.00	14.00
Ga.	16.50	24.00	10.00	16.00	26.00	4.25	16.00	---	---
Fla.	16.50	25.50	12.50	17.00	36.00	3.50	16.50	20.00	10.00
S.A.	14.80	23.20	12.50	15.70	---	---	14.50	---	---
Ky.	14.50	24.50	10.50	14.00	28.00	4.50	14.50	23.00	10.00
Tenn.	14.50	21.00	13.00	14.00	29.00	4.00	15.00	23.00	12.50
Ala.	15.00	20.00	12.00	15.50	33.00	3.60	15.00	20.00	10.00
Miss.	15.50	23.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	4.00	15.50	---	---
E.S.C.	14.90	21.50	12.00	14.80	---	---	15.10	---	---
Ark.	15.00	18.00	12.00	13.50	26.00	3.90	14.50	20.00	11.00
La.	14.50	18.00	14.50	15.00	29.00	5.00	15.00	---	---
Okla.	14.00	19.00	13.00	14.00	27.00	4.70	14.00	23.00	8.00
Tex.	14.00	24.00	13.50	15.00	28.50	5.30	15.00	25.00	12.00
W.S.C.	14.60	---	---	14.60	28.30	5.21	14.70	---	---
Mont.	17.00	23.00	16.00	17.00	33.00	4.30	17.00	29.50	9.00
Idaho	18.00	26.00	16.00	17.50	36.00	4.50	18.00	32.00	7.00
Wyo.	16.50	27.00	15.00	17.00	33.50	8.50	16.50	---	---
Colo.	16.00	23.00	15.50	15.50	29.50	4.00	16.00	25.00	10.00
N.Mex.	15.50	23.00	13.50	15.50	30.00	6.00	15.00	24.00	10.50
Ariz.	17.00	26.50	14.00	17.50	35.50	6.40	17.00	---	---
Utah	17.50	---	---	18.00	37.00	3.00	18.00	---	---
MCUNT.	16.80	---	---	16.90	---	---	17.20	---	---
Wash.	18.00	30.00	17.50	19.00	39.00	4.10	18.00	30.50	17.50
Oreg.	17.50	31.00	15.00	17.50	36.50	4.00	17.50	31.00	13.00
Calif.	17.50	24.00	15.50	18.00	36.50	3.70	18.00	23.00	18.00
PAC.	17.70	26.80	16.10	18.10	37.00	3.80	17.90	---	18.00
U.S.	15.60	25.00	12.50	15.90	32.90	3.63	15.50	25.30	12.40

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
June 1949

Commercial hatcheries produced 111,670,000 chicks during June, 20 percent more than was produced during June last year, but 9 percent below the June 1943-47 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. The main season for producing farm flock replacements is about over. Chick production for the remainder of the year will be mainly for commercial broiler production. The overall demand for broiler chicks continues to be above that of a year ago, although it slackened somewhat in June because of the sharp drop in prices for commercial broilers during the month. The price for commercial broilers has strengthened considerably since July 1. The number of eggs in incubators on July 1 was 11 percent larger than on July 1 last year. The number of chicks booked on July 1 for August delivery was 53 percent larger than on July 1 a year ago.

Production of chicks for the first 6 months of this year totaled 1,197,925,000 --an increase of 25 percent above the 955,182,000 produced during the same period last year and the third largest output of record for these 6 months.

Chick production in June was larger than a year ago in all regions of the country. The increases were 38 percent in the East and South Central States, 36 percent in the Mid-Atlantic, 23 percent in the Mountain and Pacific, 22 percent in the East North Central, 19 percent in the West North Central, 12 percent in the South Atlantic and 11 percent in the New England States.

The number of chicks sexed during June was 28 percent larger than the number sexed during June last year. Of the total chicks hatched, 17.5 percent were sexed compared with 16.4 percent a year earlier.

Chicks and young chickens of this year's hatchings on farms July 1 are estimated at 550,597,000 --12 percent more than a year ago, but 5 percent below average. Holdings were larger than the low holdings of a year ago in all parts of the country. The number of chicks produced for commercial broiler production as indicated by placements in 7 commercial broiler areas has been at record levels. Approximately 40 percent more chicks were started in the 7 areas during the first 6 months of this year compared with the same period last year.

TURKEY POULTS

The demand for poults during June was good. Hatcheries reporting turkey operations showed 45 percent more poults hatched than in June 1948. Turkey hatcheries reporting for the 5 months period, February, March, April, May and June have hatched 60 percent more poults than during these months last year. The hatching season for poults is completed except for a few late hatches during July. The percentage increase in poult hatchings this year indicates a large turkey production, but not necessarily the relative change for the 1949 turkey crop. The actual size of the turkey crop will depend partly on death losses of poults and young turkeys. It will be recalled that the percentage death loss for the 1948 turkey crop was unusually small, being by far the smallest on record. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics will issue a preliminary report on turkeys raised in 1949 on August 22.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State	During June			January through June		
and	Average 1943-47	1948 1/	1949 2/	1948 1/	1949 2/	
Division:						
	Thousands					
Maine	762	467	630	5,451	8,090	
N.H.	2,105	2,319	2,620	15,814	19,767	
Vt.	168	144	158	1,256	1,531	
Mass.	2,149	1,441	1,643	18,015	23,434	
R.I.	263	199	239	1,556	2,226	
Conn.	2,199	2,499	2,522	17,774	20,890	
N.E.	7,647	7,069	7,812	59,866	75,938	
N.Y.	2,485	1,442	1,850	18,127	22,773	
N.J.	2,436	1,784	2,467	19,465	29,194	
Pa.	6,629	3,850	5,330	43,524	50,115	
M.A.	11,549	7,076	9,647	81,116	102,082	
Ohio	8,100	4,558	4,800	44,679	53,200	
Ind.	9,168	7,375	7,800	65,695	81,500	
Ill.	12,132	6,457	8,450	77,305	92,799	
Mich.	3,416	1,500	2,450	19,450	25,750	
Wis.	3,051	1,600	2,700	18,469	24,882	
E.N.C.	35,867	21,490	26,200	225,598	278,131	
Minn.	4,838	1,178	2,350	44,263	56,862	
Iowa	7,685	3,800	4,500	70,465	83,150	
Mo.	11,131	7,580	7,000	63,960	79,400	
N.Dak.	643	401	740	4,738	5,335	
S.Dak.	1,551	800	1,200	13,500	17,045	
Nebr.	1,567	1,320	1,900	26,345	31,000	
Kans.	2,202	908	1,150	27,255	35,500	
W.N.C.	29,619	15,787	18,840	250,526	308,292	
Del.	3,337	3,850	4,357	20,669	27,336	
Md.	5,248	6,164	6,900	34,556	43,194	
Va.	3,274	3,890	4,565	26,102	32,525	
W.Va.	596	598	955	4,533	6,156	
N.C.	2,968	3,539	3,621	27,082	35,995	
S.C.	578	750	725	5,770	7,195	
Ga.	2,742	5,087	5,450	31,616	38,075	
Fla.	907	990	1,200	7,610	11,452	
S.A.	19,649	24,868	27,773	157,938	201,928	
Ky.	796	576	600	9,383	12,650	
Tenn.	922	720	900	8,875	11,275	
Ala.	768	745	1,300	6,540	9,680	
Miss.	421	710	1,000	5,890	7,800	
E.S.C.	2,906	2,751	3,800	30,688	41,405	
Ark.	638	979	1,596	9,661	15,356	
La.	325	274	293	3,898	4,490	
Okla.	1,684	820	1,300	17,820	22,120	
Tex.	3,878	3,290	4,200	39,470	48,400	
W.S.C.	6,524	5,363	7,389	70,849	90,366	
Mont.	184	170	230	1,867	1,903	
Idaho	310	217	275	2,771	3,455	
Wyo.	34	20	23	421	500	
Colo.	688	467	584	5,363	7,415	
N.Mex.	119	45	40	782	972	
Ariz.	125	58	48	821	907	
Utah	271	169	200	1,898	2,398	
Nev.	12	2	9	95	139	
Mount.	1,743	1,148	1,409	14,018	17,689	
Wash.	1,328	1,360	1,510	14,980	18,427	
Oreg.	756	764	800	6,946	8,657	
Calif.	5,138	5,031	6,490	42,657	55,010	
PAC.	7,222	7,155	8,800	64,583	82,094	
U.S.	122,726	92,707	111,670	955,182	1,197,925	
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CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - UNITED STATES

Month	Month			To date			Change from 1948	
	1948 1/	1949 2/	1948	1948 1/	1949 2/		Number	Percent
	Thousands			Thousands				
January	52,601	80,899	+ 54	52,601	80,899	28,298	+ 54	
February	97,869	144,244	+ 47	150,470	225,143	74,673	+ 50	
March	214,482	276,548	+ 29	364,952	501,691	136,739	+ 37	
April	285,767	309,356	+ 8	650,719	811,047	160,328	+ 25	
May	211,756	275,208	+ 30	862,475	1,086,255	223,780	+ 26	
June	92,702	111,670	+ 20	955,182	1,197,925	242,743	+ 25	
July	55,632			1,010,814				
August	47,247			1,058,061				
September	44,538			1,102,599				
October	46,810			1,149,409				
November	57,957			1,207,366				
December	54,979			1,262,345				

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - BOOKINGS - SEXING

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators		Chicks booked July 1		Sexing	
	for Aug. delivery		for Aug. delivery		for Aug. delivery	
	% change from July 1, 1948		% change from July 1, 1948		% change from June 1948	
New England	+ 4		- 15		+ 100	
Middle Atlantic	+ 23		+ 127		+ 118	
East North Central	- 15		+ 88		+ 58	
West North Central	+ 15		+ 12		+ 2	
South Atlantic	+ 17		+ 124		+ 13	
East South Central	+ 53		+ 138		+ 29	
West South Central	+ 25		- 43		+ 14	
Mountain	+ 59		+ 32		+ 88	
Pacific	+ 10		+ 8		+ 1	
United States	+ 11		+ 58		+ 28	

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON JULY 1, 1949

State:	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			Cross breeds		
and :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed
Div. :	run	:pullets:	cockerels:	run	:pullets:	cockerels:	run	:pullets:	cockerels
D o l l a r s									
Maine	17.00	29.00	10.00	-----	-----	-----	17.00	28.00	10.50
N.H.	17.50	28.00	11.50	-----	-----	-----	17.00	27.50	12.00
Vt.	18.00	29.00	10.50	-----	-----	-----	17.50	28.00	11.00
Mass.	18.50	32.00	9.00	-----	-----	-----	18.00	31.00	11.00
R.I.	18.50	29.50	11.00	-----	-----	-----	18.00	29.00	12.00
Conn.	20.00	29.00	14.50	-----	-----	-----	20.00	28.00	15.00
N.E.	18.40	29.50	11.20	-----	-----	-----	18.60	27.80	13.50
N.Y.	18.00	28.00	12.00	16.50	33.50	2.80	18.00	27.50	11.50
N.J.	19.00	29.00	14.00	19.00	37.50	3.50	19.00	29.50	14.50
Pa.	17.00	24.50	12.50	16.00	32.00	3.50	17.00	23.50	14.50
M.A.	17.60	25.80	12.70	17.10	33.80	3.40	17.70	26.80	13.50
Ohio	15.50	22.00	14.50	15.50	30.00	4.00	16.00	22.50	15.00
Ind.	14.50	21.00	12.00	14.50	29.00	3.50	15.50	21.00	13.50
Ill.	14.00	21.00	13.00	14.00	28.00	3.80	15.00	21.00	12.50
Mich.	15.50	22.00	13.50	15.50	30.00	3.50	15.50	21.00	13.50
Wis.	16.00	20.00	15.00	16.00	31.00	2.30	16.00	25.00	13.00
E.N.C.	14.60	21.10	13.20	15.00	30.00	3.10	15.50	21.50	13.70
Minn.	15.50	28.00	14.50	15.50	31.50	2.60	16.00	31.50	5.80
Iowa	15.50	24.40	11.00	15.50	30.00	3.20	16.00	27.00	8.50
Mo.	13.00	18.00	11.00	12.50	23.00	4.00	13.00	20.00	7.00
N.Dak.	16.50	23.00	14.50	16.00	32.00	3.00	16.50	32.00	6.00
S.Dak.	17.00	27.00	9.00	16.00	31.00	2.30	16.00	31.00	4.60
Nebr.	14.50	24.00	10.50	14.50	28.00	2.90	14.50	28.00	5.70
Kans.	14.50	21.00	12.00	15.00	25.50	4.20	14.00	26.00	7.00
W.N.C.	14.50	21.30	11.50	14.30	28.30	3.20	14.60	26.20	7.10
Del.	15.00	-----	-----	16.00	-----	-----	14.50	-----	-----
Md.	15.00	22.00	13.50	16.00	31.00	3.50	14.50	-----	-----
Va.	15.00	23.00	15.00	15.50	31.00	4.00	15.50	21.50	15.00
W.Va.	15.50	21.50	14.00	15.00	28.00	4.00	15.00	21.50	14.00
N.C.	15.00	21.00	13.50	15.00	27.50	4.00	15.00	-----	-----
S.C.	13.50	20.00	13.00	13.50	26.00	4.50	13.50	20.00	13.00
Ga.	14.50	19.00	12.00	13.50	24.00	3.50	13.50	16.00	11.00
Fla.	17.00	23.00	16.00	16.50	33.00	4.50	17.00	23.00	17.00
S.A.	15.00	22.00	14.20	15.20	-----	-----	14.50	-----	-----
Ky.	14.50	23.50	12.00	14.00	28.00	4.80	15.00	21.00	15.00
Tenn.	14.00	18.50	12.00	13.50	25.00	4.50	14.50	18.00	12.50
Ala.	15.00	20.00	13.50	14.00	29.00	5.00	14.00	18.00	13.00
Miss.	14.50	-----	-----	14.50	-----	-----	14.50	-----	-----
E.S.C.	14.50	-----	-----	14.10	-----	-----	14.30	-----	-----
Ark.	14.00	17.00	13.00	13.00	25.00	4.00	14.00	20.00	12.00
La.	14.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	26.50	5.00	15.00	18.00	14.50
Okla.	14.00	19.00	13.00	14.00	23.50	6.50	14.00	21.00	12.50
Tex.	13.50	22.00	10.50	13.50	25.00	4.50	13.50	20.00	10.50
W.S.C.	13.90	-----	-----	13.50	-----	-----	13.80	-----	-----
Mont.	17.00	24.00	16.00	17.50	32.00	5.00	18.00	30.50	8.00
Idaho	18.00	26.00	15.50	18.00	34.00	5.00	18.00	30.00	9.00
Wyo.	17.00	-----	-----	17.00	-----	-----	17.00	-----	-----
Colo.	16.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	27.00	4.60	16.50	21.50	13.00
N.Mex.	15.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	23.00	6.00	15.00	22.00	12.00
Ariz.	17.00	24.00	15.00	17.50	31.00	6.00	17.00	24.00	16.50
Utah	18.50	23.00	20.00	17.50	34.00	4.30	18.00	23.00	19.00
Mount.	16.80	-----	-----	16.40	-----	-----	17.50	-----	-----
Wash.	19.50	33.50	15.00	19.50	39.00	4.50	19.50	33.00	12.00
Oreg.	18.00	29.50	15.00	18.00	36.50	4.50	18.00	28.00	14.00
Calif.	17.50	23.00	17.00	17.50	35.00	4.00	18.00	21.50	18.50
Pac.	18.20	25.60	16.50	17.90	35.40	4.06	18.20	-----	-----
U.S.	15.30	23.50	12.90	15.30	31.20	3.51	15.40	24.20	13.10

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
May 1951

There was a strong demand for chicks during May, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. The number of chicks produced by commercial hatcheries during May totaled 276,468,000 -- 29 percent more than the number produced during May last year and 13 percent above the 5-year average production for the month. The demand for chicks for both flock replacement and broiler production continues strong. A large June hatch is in prospect as the number of eggs in incubators on June 1 was 36 percent larger than on June 1 last year. The supply of hatching eggs is limiting hatchery output in some sections of the country. The number of chicks produced during the first 5 months of this year totaled 1,117,541,000 -- 12 percent more than during the same period last year. This production is only about 1 percent less than the 1943 record high output for the period.

May chick production was above that of a year ago in all sections of the country. Increases reported were 56 percent in the East South Central, 52 percent in the West South Central, 39 percent in the Pacific, 29 percent in the West North Central, 28 percent in the New England, 26 percent in the Mountain, 21 percent in the Mid-Atlantic and 20 percent in the East North Central States.

The strong demand for chicks for flock replacement is reflected by the increase of 8 percent shown in the number of chicks and young chickens on farms June 1 compared with a year ago. Increases were reported in all parts of the country except the West North Central where no change occurred. Holdings reached record high levels in the North Atlantic and the West. Increases from a year ago were 33 percent in the North Atlantic, 16 percent in the West, 9 percent in the South Atlantic, 4 percent in the East North Central and 2 percent in the South Central States.

Prices received by farmers for eggs in mid-May averaged 45.2 cents per dozen, compared with 29.6 cents last year. Egg prices increased 2.1 cents per dozen from April 15 to May 15, compared with an average seasonal increase of 0.4 cents. Chicken prices averaged 28.9 cents on May 15, compared with 22.5 cents a year ago and with 29.3 cents on April 15 this year. Turkey prices in mid-May averaged 35.4 cents a pound live weight, compared with 27.4 cents last year. The mid-May cost of feed for the United States farm poultry ration was \$4.02 per 100 pounds, compared with \$3.62 a year ago. The May egg-feed price relationship was much more favorable than last year, but less favorable than in May 1949. Also, both the chicken-feed and turkey-feed price relationships were more favorable than last year.

TURKEYS

The number of poults hatched during May, as reported by hatcheries supplying information, was 7 percent more than in May last year. These same hatcheries reported 48 percent more eggs in incubators on June 1 than a year ago. Reports from hatcheries for the 4 months, February through May, showed approximately 6 percent more poults hatched than during the same period last year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State	During May		January through May		
and	Average				
Division:	1945-49	1950 1/	1951 2/	1950 1/	1951 2/
T h o u s a n d s					
Maine	1,366	1,464	1,976	6,302	8,380
N.H.	2,924	3,260	3,912	16,972	20,184
Vt.	283	203	203	1,174	1,103
Mass.	2,962	3,178	4,449	19,860	22,500
R.I.	541	172	236	896	1,128
Conn.	3,008	3,558	4,376	17,154	23,084
N.E.	10,883	11,835	15,152	62,858	76,379
N.Y.	4,076	3,383	4,000	18,708	19,916
N.J.	4,191	3,503	5,000	28,027	29,768
Pa.	8,731	7,754	8,770	42,122	43,970
M.A.	16,998	14,640	17,770	88,357	93,654
Ohio	12,726	10,550	12,800	45,650	47,150
Ind.	17,768	14,629	18,778	65,727	70,236
Ill.	22,155	15,433	17,500	62,409	65,271
Mich.	6,320	4,930	5,900	22,920	23,844
Wis.	6,657	5,710	6,600	19,701	20,290
E.N.C.	65,626	51,252	61,578	216,407	226,791
Minne.	18,066	16,390	17,800	54,940	55,406
Iowa	25,072	20,000	24,400	68,600	72,376
Mo.	20,476	15,100	22,500	61,100	78,046
N.Dak.	2,003	1,979	2,250	5,025	5,235
S.Dak.	4,940	4,121	5,400	12,153	14,350
Nebr.	7,450	4,820	7,530	24,265	28,338
Kans.	7,049	4,605	6,720	28,635	31,914
W.N.C.	85,056	67,015	86,600	254,718	285,665
Del.	3,594	4,713	6,479	21,067	29,732
Md.	6,107	7,239	8,551	32,847	40,435
Va.	5,163	5,294	7,000	27,713	32,907
W.Va.	1,210	1,295	1,549	5,111	5,593
N.C.	5,181	5,258	6,734	29,747	31,920
S.C.	1,103	1,363	1,660	7,645	7,171
Ga.	5,751	8,348	10,820	40,106	45,200
Fla.	1,280	1,530	1,734	8,770	8,968
S.A.	29,389	35,040	44,527	173,006	201,926
Ky.	2,666	1,700	2,600	9,320	9,998
Tenn.	2,075	1,750	2,850	9,860	11,372
Ala.	1,550	1,416	2,394	8,658	10,929
Miss.	1,190	2,183	3,140	10,301	13,199
E.S.C.	7,481	7,049	10,984	38,139	45,498
Ark.	1,511	3,742	5,051	18,087	21,848
La.	681	594	842	4,278	4,292
Okla.	4,263	1,800	3,200	13,660	15,617
Tex.	7,758	6,757	10,500	42,682	47,369
W.S.C.	14,213	12,893	19,593	78,707	89,126
Mont.	502	507	640	2,063	2,136
Idaho	695	656	970	2,989	4,163
Wyo.	109	90	105	441	512
Colo.	1,388	1,435	1,650	6,371	6,617
N.Mex.	178	133	220	926	871
Ariz.	160	150	215	935	1,090
Utah	501	463	550	2,343	2,546
Nev.	20	38	38	100	100
Mount.	3,553	3,472	4,388	16,168	18,035
Wash.	2,464	2,132	3,560	13,333	18,510
Oreg.	1,334	1,512	2,120	8,505	10,851
Calif.	7,199	7,783	10,196	43,995	51,106
Pac.	10,997	11,427	15,876	65,833	80,467
U.S.	244,197	214,623	276,468	994,693	1,117,541

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CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES -- UNITED STATES

Month	Month			To date			Change from 1950	Percent
	1950 1/	1951 2/	% change from 1950	1950 1/	1951 2/	Number		
	Thousands			Thousands				
January	86,730	94,339	+9	86,730	94,339	+7,609		+9
February	141,846	158,537	+12	228,576	252,876	+24,300		+11
March	266,969	268,761	+1	495,545	521,637	+26,092		+5
April	284,525	319,436	+12	780,070	841,073	+61,003		+8
May	214,623	276,468	+29	994,693	1,117,541	+122,848		+12
June	104,660			1,099,353				
July	76,525			1,175,878				
August	75,885			1,251,763				
September	72,897			1,324,660				
October	74,506			1,399,166				
November	70,729			1,469,895				
December	68,326			1,538,221				
1/ Revised.	2/ Preliminary.	(January 1951 also revised).						

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - BOOKINGS - SEXING

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators:		Chicks booked June 1:		Sexing	
	June 1, 1951	% change from June 1, 1950	for July delivery	% change from May 1951	May 1951	% change from May 1950
New England	+ 21		+ 50		+ 20	
Middle Atlantic	+ 1		+ 61		+ 26	
East North Central	+ 41		+ 50		+ 44	
West North Central	+ 67		+ 88		+ 16	
South Atlantic	+ 25		+ 6		+ 74	
East South Central	+ 88		+ 63		+ 23	
West South Central	+ 40		+ 69		+ 55	
Mountain	+ 88		+ 15		+ 38	
Pacific	+ 18		+ 64		+ 46	
UNITED STATES	+ 36		+ 38		+ 28	

CHICKS PLACED MONTHLY IN 7 PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL PRODUCING AREAS 1/

Month	Month			To date			Change from 1950	Percent
	1950 2/	1951	% change from 1950	1950	1951	Number		
	Thousands			Thousands				
January	26,872	35,577	+32	26,872	35,577	+8,705		+32
February	27,873	36,801	+32	54,745	72,378	+17,633		+32
March	35,829	2/42,031	+17	90,574	114,409	+23,835		+26
April	32,081	43,458	+35	122,655	157,867	+35,212		+29
May	31,160	44,123	+42	153,815	201,990	+48,175		+31
June	31,099			184,914				
July	31,994			216,908				
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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON JULY 1, 1951

State:	Heavy breeds			:	Light breeds			:	Cross breeds		
and :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed	:	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed	:	Straight:	Sexed:	Sexed
Div.:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	:	run	pullets:	cockerels:
D o l l a r s											
Maine	16.50	27.50	9.00	---	---	---	---	---	16.00	26.00	10.00
N.H.	18.00	28.00	13.00	---	---	---	---	---	17.00	26.50	11.50
Vt.	17.50	27.50	11.50	---	---	---	---	---	17.00	27.00	11.00
Mass.	18.00	31.00	11.50	---	---	---	---	---	17.50	32.00	10.00
R.I.	18.00	28.00	12.50	---	---	---	---	---	17.50	27.50	12.00
Conn.	18.50	28.00	14.00	---	---	---	---	---	18.00	28.00	14.00
N.E.	17.90	29.00	12.00	---	---	---	---	---	17.50	27.80	11.80
N.Y.	17.00	27.50	11.00	17.00	34.50	3.00	---	---	17.00	28.00	10.50
N.J.	19.00	30.00	13.00	19.00	37.00	3.80	---	---	19.00	30.00	13.50
Pa.	16.00	25.50	11.00	16.00	32.00	2.80	---	---	16.00	23.50	13.00
M.A.	16.90	26.80	11.40	17.30	34.10	3.15	---	---	17.00	26.80	12.20
Ohio	15.50	23.50	13.00	15.50	32.00	3.40	---	---	15.50	23.50	13.00
Ind.	14.50	24.00	11.50	15.00	30.50	3.50	---	---	16.00	25.50	11.00
Ill.	15.00	20.50	12.50	15.00	27.50	3.00	---	---	15.50	20.00	11.50
Mich.	15.50	22.00	14.00	15.50	32.00	3.65	---	---	16.00	25.00	14.50
Wis.	15.50	21.00	15.50	15.00	31.00	2.35	---	---	16.00	22.50	13.50
E.N.C.	15.00	22.20	12.80	15.20	30.80	2.91	---	---	15.80	23.20	12.40
Minn.	15.50	26.50	12.50	15.00	31.00	2.40	---	---	15.00	31.00	5.80
Iowa	15.00	25.50	10.50	15.00	30.00	2.65	---	---	15.00	28.00	7.00
Mo.	13.50	19.50	11.50	13.50	24.50	3.40	---	---	13.50	22.00	8.50
N.Dak.	16.50	23.50	16.00	16.00	32.50	3.50	---	---	16.50	32.00	6.10
S.Dak.	15.50	27.50	10.00	16.00	32.00	2.60	---	---	16.00	31.00	5.20
Nebr.	14.50	25.50	10.00	14.50	29.50	3.10	---	---	14.50	28.50	5.30
Kans.	14.50	23.00	10.50	14.50	27.50	3.60	---	---	14.50	26.00	6.00
W.N.C.	14.60	24.00	11.30	14.60	29.50	2.69	---	---	14.60	27.80	6.62
Del.	14.50	---	---	16.50	---	---	---	---	14.50	---	---
Md.	15.00	26.00	13.00	16.50	32.00	4.00	---	---	15.00	21.50	12.00
Va.	15.00	22.00	14.50	15.50	30.00	3.50	---	---	15.00	21.00	14.50
W.Va.	14.50	22.00	12.00	15.00	28.50	3.50	---	---	14.50	22.00	12.00
N.C.	15.00	20.50	13.50	15.50	29.00	4.00	---	---	15.00	23.00	11.50
S.C.	15.00	23.00	13.00	15.50	32.00	3.50	---	---	15.00	22.00	14.00
Ga.	16.50	26.00	11.00	15.50	27.00	4.00	---	---	15.50	---	---
Fla.	16.50	26.00	13.00	15.50	32.00	3.50	---	---	16.00	20.00	10.00
S.A.	15.40	22.20	13.60	15.90	---	---	---	---	15.00	21.80	12.70
Ky.	14.50	24.50	10.50	14.00	28.00	4.75	---	---	14.50	23.50	10.50
Tenn.	14.50	20.50	12.00	14.00	26.50	3.20	---	---	14.50	19.50	13.00
Ala.	15.00	21.00	13.00	15.50	31.00	4.00	---	---	15.00	20.00	10.00
Miss.	15.00	22.50	12.50	14.50	30.00	4.00	---	---	15.00	---	---
E.S.C.	14.70	22.70	12.00	14.60	---	---	---	---	14.80	---	---
Ark.	15.00	17.00	13.00	14.50	27.50	4.00	---	---	15.00	20.00	11.00
La.	14.50	17.00	14.50	15.00	29.00	5.00	---	---	15.00	---	---
Okla.	13.00	18.00	12.50	13.00	24.50	4.40	---	---	13.00	21.00	7.50
Tex.	13.50	21.00	13.00	14.00	27.50	4.60	---	---	14.00	21.00	11.50
W.S.C.	14.30	19.50	12.80	14.00	27.10	4.58	---	---	14.20	21.00	10.50
Mont.	17.00	22.50	15.50	17.00	32.50	4.40	---	---	16.00	30.50	8.40
Idaho	17.50	25.50	15.50	17.50	35.00	5.50	---	---	18.00	31.00	7.50
Wyo.	17.00	---	---	17.00	---	---	---	---	17.00	---	---
Colo.	16.00	21.00	14.50	15.50	30.00	3.90	---	---	15.50	24.00	13.00
N.Mex.	15.00	21.50	12.50	15.00	26.50	5.00	---	---	14.50	22.00	10.00
Ariz.	17.00	27.00	14.50	17.00	34.00	6.00	---	---	17.00	28.00	6.50
Utah	18.00	---	---	18.00	37.00	3.80	---	---	19.00	---	---
Mount.	16.70	---	---	16.80	---	---	---	---	16.40	---	---
Wash.	18.50	31.50	16.50	19.00	38.00	3.60	---	---	19.00	31.00	16.50
Oreg.	18.00	29.50	15.00	18.00	36.50	4.50	---	---	18.00	31.00	14.00
Calif.	18.00	24.00	16.50	17.50	35.00	4.10	---	---	18.00	23.00	18.00
Pac.	18.20	27.40	16.20	17.90	35.70	4.03	---	---	18.10	---	---
U.S.	15.30	24.30	12.40	15.30	31.10	3.12	---	---	15.40	25.80	10.40

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
April 1951

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The number of chicks produced by commercial hatcheries during April totaled 319,436,000 - 12 percent more than in April last year and 1 percent above the 1945-49 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. There was a good demand for chicks for both flock replacement and broiler production during the month. About 35 percent more chicks were placed in the 7 principal broiler producing areas in April than in the same month last year. Chicks and young chickens of this year's hatchings on May 1 were estimated to be 5 percent more than a year ago and 2 percent above average, indicating a very strong demand for chicks for flock replacement during April, especially since chicks and young chicks of this year's hatchings on April 1 were 7 percent less than a year ago.

The demand for chicks for flock replacement and broiler production continues strong and a relatively large hatch during May can be expected. The number of eggs in incubators on May 1 were 23 percent larger than on May 1 last year. The supply of hatching eggs is limiting hatching output at the present time.

April chick production was above that of a year ago in all sections of the country. Increases reported were 37 percent in the New England, 21 percent in the East South Central, 20 percent in the South Atlantic, 14 percent in the Pacific, 13 percent in the Middle Atlantic, 11 percent in the West South Central, 9 percent in the East North Central, 7 percent in the West North Central and 4 percent in the Mountain States.

Chicks and young chickens of this year's hatching on farms May 1 for flock replacement were larger than a year ago in all parts of the country except the West North Central and South Central States where they were down 1 and 4 percent, respectively. Increases from a year ago were 19 percent in the North Atlantic, 10 percent in the East North Central, 8 percent in the West and 7 percent in the South Atlantic States.

Prices received by farmers for eggs in mid-April averaged 43.1 cents per dozen, compared with 30.9 cents a year earlier and 43.7 cents in mid-March. Prices received for chickens on April 15 averaged 29.3 cents per pound live weight, compared with 23.4 cents last year and with the 1940-49 average of 23.2 cents. Turkey prices in mid-April averaged 35.3 cents per pound live weight, compared with 30.1 cents a year earlier and with the average of 28.2 cents. The mid-April cost of United States farm poultry ration was \$3.99 per one hundred pounds, compared with \$3.48 a year ago. The egg-feed, chicken-feed and turkey-feed price relationships were more favorable than a year ago.

TURKEY OPERATIONS

The number of poults hatched during April, as reported by hatcheries supplying information on turkey operations, was 6 percent more than in April last year. These same hatcheries reported 16 percent more eggs in incubators on May 1 than a year ago. Reports from hatcheries covering February, March and April showed approximately 6 percent more poults hatched than during the same period last year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State	Average	During April		January through April	
and Division	1945-49	1950	1951	1950	1951
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T h o u s a n d s					
Maine	1,712	1,507	2,015	5,338	6,404
N.H.	3,872	3,614	4,770	13,712	16,272
Vt.	335	307	322	971	900
Mass.	4,827	4,071	5,496	16,682	18,051
R.I.	419	193	262	724	892
Conn.	4,033	3,483	5,200	13,596	18,708
N.E.	15,197	13,175	18,065	51,023	61,227
N.Y.	5,559	4,480	5,000	15,325	15,916
N.J.	6,481	6,545	7,500	24,524	24,768
Pa.	13,135	10,250	11,450	34,368	35,200
M.A.	25,175	21,275	23,950	74,217	75,884
Ohio	15,822	13,200	13,800	35,100	34,350
Ind.	22,485	18,542	21,264	51,098	51,458
Ill.	26,485	18,976	20,731	46,976	47,771
Mich.	8,360	6,460	7,200	17,990	17,944
Wis.	8,902	7,125	7,000	13,991	13,690
E.N.C.	82,054	64,303	69,995	165,155	165,213
Minn.	22,413	21,640	21,300	38,550	37,606
Iowa	28,646	24,700	26,300	48,600	47,976
Mo.	24,320	20,400	24,000	46,000	55,546
N.Dak.	1,980	2,100	2,040	3,046	2,985
S.Dak.	5,738	4,754	5,000	8,032	8,950
Nebr.	10,007	8,550	9,920	19,445	20,808
Kans.	12,294	10,695	10,750	24,030	25,194
W.N.C.	105,398	92,839	99,310	187,703	199,065
Del.	3,949	4,396	6,411	16,354	23,253
Md.	6,664	6,844	9,219	25,608	31,884
Va.	6,397	6,970	8,258	22,419	25,907
W.Va.	1,240	1,346	1,607	3,816	4,044
N.C.	6,729	7,270	7,792	24,489	25,186
S.C.	1,586	1,832	1,825	6,282	5,511
Ga.	6,378	9,381	11,000	31,758	34,380
Fla.	1,716	1,780	1,835	7,240	7,234
S.A.	34,659	39,819	47,947	137,966	157,399
Ky.	3,824	3,000	3,400	7,620	7,398
Tenn.	3,005	2,900	3,400	8,110	8,522
Ala.	2,171	2,105	2,639	7,242	8,535
Miss.	1,537	2,383	3,175	8,118	10,059
E.S.C.	10,537	10,388	12,614	31,090	34,514
Ark.	2,122	4,327	5,299	14,345	16,797
La.	1,114	1,123	1,263	3,684	3,450
Okla.	6,828	4,100	5,000	11,860	12,417
Tex.	11,878	12,065	12,400	35,925	36,869
W.S.C.	21,943	21,615	23,962	65,814	69,533
Mont.	558	749	650	1,556	1,496
Idaho	944	972	1,120	2,333	3,193
Wyo.	133	160	170	351	407
Colo.	1,773	1,886	1,980	4,936	4,967
N.Mex.	264	294	260	793	651
Ariz.	266	240	280	785	875
Utah	611	747	800	1,880	1,996
Nev.	26	34	34	62	62
Mount.	4,576	5,082	5,294	12,696	13,647
Wash.	3,699	3,779	4,395	11,201	14,950
Oreg.	1,823	2,255	2,710	6,993	8,731
Calif.	10,227	9,995	11,194	36,212	40,910
Pac.	15,749	16,029	18,299	54,406	64,591
U.S.	315,288	284,525	319,436	780,070	841,073

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - UNITED STATES

		<u>Month</u>		<u>To date</u>			
Month	1950 1/	1951 2/	% change:	1950 1/	1951 2/	Change from 1950	
	:	:	:from 1950:	:	:	: Number	: Percent
	<u>Thousands</u>			<u>Thousands</u>			
January	86,730	94,339	+ 9	86,730	94,339	+ 7,609	+ 9
February	141,846	158,537	+ 12	223,576	252,876	+ 24,300	+ 11
March	266,969	268,761	+ 1	495,545	521,637	+ 26,092	+ 5
April	284,525	319,436	+ 12	780,070	841,073	+ 61,003	+ 8
May	214,623			994,693			
June	104,660			1,099,353			
July	76,525			1,175,878			
August	75,885			1,251,763			
September	72,897			1,324,660			
October	74,506			1,399,166			
November	70,729			1,469,895			
December	68,326			1,538,221			

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. (January 1951 also revised).

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - BOOKINGS - SEXING

		<u>Eggs in incubators</u>		<u>Chicks booked</u>		<u>May 1 : Sexing</u>	
Geographic	May 1, 1951	:	for June delivery	:	April 1951	:	%
Division	:	%	:	%	:	%	change from
	:	:	:	:	:	:	May 1, 1950
	<u>Thousands</u>			<u>Thousands</u>			
New England	+ 26			+ 66		- 29	
Middle Atlantic	+ 15			+ 37		+ 4	
East North Central	+ 15			+ 72		+ 20	
West North Central	+ 31			+ 51		+ 8	
South Atlantic	+ 24			+ 66		+ 71	
East South Central	+ 43			+ 57		- 11	
West South Central	+ 35			+ 56		+ 2	
Mountain	+ 41			+ 33		- 26	
Pacific	- 9			+ 33		+ 13	
UNITED STATES	+ 23			+ 57		+ 9	

CHICKS PLACED MONTHLY IN 7 PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL PRODUCING AREAS 1/

		<u>Month</u>		<u>To date</u>			
Month	1950 2/	1951	% change:	1950	1951	Change from 1950	
	:	:	:from 1950:	:	:	: Number	: Percent
	<u>Thousands</u>			<u>Thousands</u>			
January	26,872	35,577	+ 32	26,872	35,577	+ 8,705	+ 32
February	27,873	36,801	+ 32	54,745	72,378	+ 17,633	+ 32
March	35,829	2/42,031	+ 17	90,574	114,409	+ 23,835	+ 26
April	32,081	43,458	+ 35	122,655	157,867	+ 35,212	+ 29
May	31,160			153,815			
June	31,099			184,914			
July	31,994			216,908			
August	31,659			248,567			
September	31,120			279,687			
October	29,847			309,534			
November	28,980			338,514			
December	31,232			369,746			

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2/ Revised.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON MAY 1, 1951

State:	Heavy breeds			:	Light breeds			:	Cross breeds		
and :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed :	Sexed :	Straight:	Sexed:	Sexed		
Div.:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	run	pullets:	cockerels:	run	pullets:	cockerels:		
	D o l l a r s										
Maine	16.50	27.50	9.00	---	---	---	16.00	26.00	9.50		
N.H.	18.00	28.00	12.00	---	---	---	17.00	26.50	11.00		
Vt.	17.50	27.50	10.50	---	---	---	17.00	27.00	10.50		
Mass.	18.00	31.00	9.50	---	---	---	17.00	31.00	9.50		
R.I.	18.00	28.00	11.50	---	---	---	17.50	27.50	11.50		
Conn.	18.50	28.00	13.00	---	---	---	18.00	27.50	13.50		
N.E.	17.90	29.10	10.80	---	---	---	17.40	27.40	11.60		
N.Y.	17.00	28.50	11.00	17.00	35.00	3.00	17.90	29.50	10.00		
N.J.	19.00	29.00	14.00	19.00	36.00	4.50	19.00	29.00	14.50		
Pa.	16.00	25.50	11.00	16.00	32.50	3.00	16.00	23.50	13.00		
M.A.	17.00	26.90	11.60	17.40	34.20	3.50	17.10	27.10	12.20		
Ohio	15.00	25.00	12.00	15.50	32.50	3.10	15.50	25.00	12.00		
Ind.	15.00	25.00	11.00	15.00	31.00	3.15	16.00	25.50	11.00		
Ill.	15.50	21.00	12.50	15.00	27.00	3.00	15.50	20.50	11.00		
Mich.	16.00	24.50	13.50	16.00	32.00	3.40	16.50	25.00	14.50		
Wis.	15.50	21.00	15.50	15.50	31.00	2.15	16.00	22.50	13.50		
E.N.C.	15.30	23.20	12.40	15.30	30.90	2.70	15.80	23.80	12.00		
Minn.	15.50	27.00	12.00	15.00	30.50	2.35	15.00	30.00	5.50		
Iowa	15.00	25.50	10.00	15.00	30.00	2.90	15.50	27.50	7.50		
Mo.	13.50	19.50	11.00	13.50	25.00	3.60	14.00	22.00	8.50		
N.Dak.	16.50	24.00	16.50	16.00	33.50	3.40	16.50	32.50	5.80		
S.Dak.	16.00	27.00	9.50	16.00	32.50	2.60	16.00	31.50	5.00		
Nebr.	15.00	25.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	3.20	15.00	29.00	5.50		
Kans.	15.00	25.00	11.00	15.00	28.50	3.50	15.00	25.00	5.80		
W.N.C.	14.70	24.30	10.90	14.70	29.40	2.75	15.00	27.30	6.52		
Del.	14.50	---	---	16.50	---	---	14.50	---	---		
Md.	14.50	25.00	12.50	16.50	30.50	4.00	14.50	21.50	12.00		
Va.	15.00	21.00	14.00	15.00	30.00	3.50	15.00	21.00	14.00		
W.Va.	15.00	21.50	12.00	15.00	29.00	3.50	14.50	23.50	12.00		
N.C.	15.00	22.00	13.00	15.50	31.00	4.00	15.50	25.00	11.00		
S.C.	15.00	25.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	3.25	15.00	22.00	13.00		
Ga.	16.50	25.00	10.00	15.50	27.00	4.00	16.00	---	---		
Fla.	16.50	25.50	12.50	16.00	34.00	3.50	16.50	20.00	10.00		
S.A.	15.30	22.50	13.10	15.80	---	---	15.10	22.50	12.30		
Ky.	15.00	25.00	11.00	14.50	29.00	4.75	15.00	23.50	10.50		
Tenn.	14.50	20.50	11.50	14.00	28.50	3.20	15.50	20.50	13.00		
Ala.	15.00	21.50	13.00	15.50	32.50	4.00	15.00	20.00	10.00		
Miss.	15.50	23.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	4.00	15.50	---	---		
E.S.C.	15.00	22.50	11.90	14.80	---	---	15.30	---	---		
Ark.	15.00	18.00	13.00	14.00	27.00	3.80	15.00	20.00	11.00		
La.	15.00	18.00	15.00	15.00	29.00	5.00	15.00	---	---		
Okla.	13.50	19.50	12.00	13.50	25.50	4.20	13.50	23.00	8.00		
Tex.	14.00	21.00	13.00	14.00	26.50	4.80	14.50	23.00	12.00		
W.S.C.	14.40	20.20	12.50	13.90	26.40	4.74	14.40	23.00	11.20		
Mont.	17.00	22.50	16.50	17.00	33.00	4.30	17.00	31.00	8.90		
Idaho	17.50	25.00	15.50	17.50	35.00	5.00	17.50	31.00	7.00		
Wyo.	17.00	---	---	17.00	---	---	17.00	---	---		
Colo.	16.00	22.00	15.00	16.00	31.00	3.90	16.00	24.00	12.00		
N.Mex.	15.00	22.50	13.00	15.00	29.00	5.50	14.00	22.00	10.00		
Ariz.	17.50	26.50	12.50	18.50	36.00	5.50	18.00	31.00	7.00		
Utah	18.00	23.00	20.00	18.50	38.00	3.50	19.00	---	---		
Mount.	16.70	---	---	17.00	---	---	16.80	---	---		
Wash.	18.00	31.00	17.00	19.00	39.00	4.00	18.00	31.00	17.00		
Oreg.	18.00	30.00	15.00	18.00	37.00	4.50	18.00	31.00	14.00		
Calif.	18.00	24.00	16.50	18.00	36.50	3.70	18.00	23.00	18.00		
Pac.	18.00	27.30	16.40	18.20	37.10	3.85	18.00	---	---		
U.S.	15.40	24.80	12.00	15.40	31.30	3.13	15.60	25.80	10.30		

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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
July 1952

Commercial hatcheries produced 83,650,000 chicks during July, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. This number is 20 percent less than was produced during July last year but 53 percent above the 1946-50 average production for the month. The production of chicks for broiler production and flock replacement were both below that of a year ago. Approximately 9 percent fewer chicks were placed in the 11 principal broiler areas than in July last year. The number of chicks hatched during July for flock replacement is indicated to be down 48 percent. Chicks produced during the first 7 months of this year totaled 1,308,990,000 compared with 1,363,286,000 during the same period last year -- a decrease of 4 percent.

The demand for chicks for broiler production is strong. Scarcity of hatching eggs is limiting the output of broiler chicks at the present time. The number of eggs in incubators on August 1 was 13 percent less than on August 1 last year indicating a smaller August hatch than a year ago.

July chick production was below last year in all sections of the country except in the East and West South Central States where increases of 7 and 1 percent respectively were reported. The decreases reported were 48 percent in the West North Central, 39 percent in the East North Central, 35 percent in the Mountain, 27 percent in the Mid-Atlantic, 18 percent in the New England, 14 percent in the South Atlantic and 11 percent in the Pacific Coast States.

Prices received by farmers for eggs in mid-July averaged 43.3 cents per dozen compared with 46.6 cents last year. Chicken prices (farm chickens and commercial broilers) averaged 26.0 cents per pound live weight on July 15 compared with 24.7 cents on June 15 and 28.1 cents a year ago. Turkey prices on July 15 averaged 31.9 cents per pound live weight, compared with 35.3 cents a year ago. The mid-July cost of feed for the United States farm poultry ration was \$4.18 per 100 pounds compared with \$3.95 a year ago. The egg-feed, chicken-feed and turkey-feed price relationships were all less favorable than a year ago.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

State	Average	During July		January through July	
and Division:	1946-50	1951 1/	1952 2/	1951 1/	1952 2/
T h o u s a n d s					
Maine	518	1,753	1,771	13,036	13,688
N.H.	1,750	3,171	2,537	26,463	27,298
Vt.	28	62	28	1,459	1,275
Mass.	1,177	2,308	1,273	25,454	21,693
R. I.	155	124	118	1,134	1,128
Conn.	2,159	3,435	3,175	29,367	28,920
N.E.	5,786	10,853	8,902	96,913	94,002
N.Y.	796	1,519	1,020	24,863	25,660
N.J.	1,258	1,722	1,700	33,128	35,500
Pa.	2,425	4,604	3,000	55,688	48,869
D.A.	4,479	7,845	5,720	113,679	110,029
Ohio	2,183	3,200	2,000	56,200	51,600
Ind.	4,256	6,783	4,412	86,106	82,477
Ill.	3,468	5,077	2,660	78,237	64,481
Mich.	382	980	650	26,530	27,730
Wis.	211	999	600	21,375	19,789
E.N.C.	10,499	17,039	10,322	268,448	246,077
Minn.	77	220	200	56,770	51,635
Iowa	896	1,300	725	82,000	69,725
Mo.	2,676	7,000	3,500	102,100	84,700
N. Dak.	3	0	0	5,810	5,105
S. Dak.	5	30	11	15,930	14,961
Nebr.	93	381	150	32,244	24,565
Kans.	489	1,030	590	34,370	28,940
W.N.C.	4,236	9,961	5,176	329,224	279,631
Del.	2,906	5,929	3,628	41,770	30,482
Md.	4,965	7,604	5,242	54,767	44,393
Va.	2,866	4,433	4,565	42,568	43,645
W. Va.	397	717	590	7,360	7,545
N.C.	2,465	4,683	4,063	39,947	43,046
S.C.	367	793	550	8,018	9,540
Ga.	4,089	9,297	9,740	64,163	81,450
Fla.	757	1,084	1,354	10,356	12,056
S. A.	18,811	34,540	29,732	268,949	272,157
Ky.	97	160	95	10,840	11,025
Tenn.	440	1,200	900	13,545	14,400
Ala.	490	1,764	1,643	14,927	19,957
Miss.	612	2,130	3,010	17,035	25,807
E.S.C.	1,639	5,254	5,648	56,347	71,189
Ark.	979	3,658	3,924	29,732	37,074
La.	124	216	225	5,058	5,766
Okla.	368	850	727	17,680	14,837
Tex.	2,281	4,937	4,850	60,122	66,750
W.S.C.	3,753	9,661	9,726	112,592	124,427
Mont.	43	65	20	2,520	2,507
Idaho	39	129	190	3,820	3,693
Wyo.	3	0	0	458	396
Colo.	163	322	142	7,003	6,548
N. Mex.	9	7	7	942	715
Ariz.	36	45	50	1,220	1,077
Utah	48	99	27	3,039	2,714
Nev.	0	0	0	55	55
MOUNT.	341	667	436	19,057	17,705
Wash.	535	1,163	989	19,089	16,936
Oreg.	435	890	703	13,692	13,157
Calif.	4,094	6,919	6,296	65,295	63,680
PAC.	5,064	8,972	7,988	98,077	93,773
U.S.	54,607	104,792	83,650	1,363,286	1,308,990

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CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - UNITED STATES

Month	Month			To date			
	1951	1952 1/	% change	1951	1952 1/	Change from 1951	
			from 1951:			Number	Percent
	Thousands			Thousands			
January	95,903	115,657	+21	95,903	115,657	+19,754	+21
February	161,172	190,055	+18	257,075	305,712	+48,637	+19
March	270,367	291,380	+ 8	527,442	597,092	+69,650	+13
April	317,204	296,729	- 6	844,646	893,821	+49,175	+ 6
May	270,989	216,343	-20	1,115,635	1,110,164	- 5,471	---
June	142,859	115,176	-19	1,258,494	1,225,340	-33,154	- 3
July	104,792	83,650	-20	1,363,286	1,308,990	-54,296	- 4
August	89,104			1,452,390			
September	76,899			1,529,289			
October	82,994			1,612,283			
November	83,612			1,695,895			
December	87,049			1,782,944			

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EGGS IN INCUBATORS - BOOKINGS

Geographic Division	Eggs in incubators		Chicks booked August 1	
	August 1, 1952		for September delivery	
	% change from August 1, 1951			
New England	-19		-13	
Middle Atlantic	-13		-34	
East North Central	-27		+12	
West North Central	-44		-23	
South Atlantic	-10		-36	
East South Central	+36		- 2	
West South Central	+16		-18	
Mountain	-21		-12	
Pacific	-11		+ 6	
UNITED STATES	-13		-16	

CHICKS PLACED MONTHLY IN 11 PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL PRODUCING AREAS 1/

Month	Month			To date			
	1951	1952	% change	1951	1952	Change from 1951	
			from 1951:			Number	Percent
	Thousands			Thousands			
January	40,885	52,030	+27	40,885	52,030	+11,145	+27
February	44,248	2/57,096	+29	85,133	109,126	+23,993	+28
March	50,864	2/59,503	+17	135,997	168,629	+32,632	+24
April	52,333	2/51,765	- 1	188,330	220,394	+32,064	+17
May	53,749	2/50,011	- 7	242,079	270,405	+28,326	+12
June	49,896	2/48,129	- 4	291,975	318,534	+26,559	+ 9
July	48,365	43,798	- 9	340,340	362,332	+21,992	+ 6
August	43,337			383,677			
September	38,813			422,490			
October	38,882			461,372			
November	42,026			503,398			
December	47,275			550,673			

1/ Eastern Conn., Del-Mar-Va., Shenandoah Valley of Va. & W. Va., N. C., N. Georgia, N.W. Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Indiana.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY HATCHERIES FOR 100 CHICKS ON AUGUST 1, 1952

State	Heavy breeds	Light breeds	Cross breeds
and	Straight	Straight	Straight
Division	Run	Run	Run
	<u>Dollars</u>		
Me.	17.00	-----	17.00
N.H.	18.50	-----	17.00
Vt.	18.50	-----	17.00
Mass.	18.50	-----	18.00
R.I.	18.50	-----	18.00
Conn.	19.00	-----	18.50
N.E.	18.40	-----	17.90
N.Y.	17.50	18.00	18.00
N.J.	17.00	17.00	17.00
Pa.	16.50	17.50	16.50
M.A.	16.80	17.40	17.00
Ohio	16.00	16.00	16.00
Ind.	14.50	16.00	15.50
Ill.	16.00	16.00	16.00
Mich.	17.00	17.00	17.00
Wis.	16.00	15.50	15.50
E.N.C.	15.30	16.00	15.80
Minn.	15.50	15.50	15.50
Iowa	15.00	14.50	15.00
Mo.	13.50	12.50	14.00
Nebr.	15.50	15.00	15.00
Kans.	14.50	15.00	14.50
W.N.C.	14.00	13.20	14.30
Del.	12.50	16.50	12.50
Md.	13.50	16.50	14.00
Va.	15.00	15.00	15.00
W.Va.	14.50	14.50	14.50
M.C.	14.50	15.00	14.50
S.C.	14.00	13.00	15.00
Ga.	15.00	16.00	15.00
Fla.	16.00	15.00	15.00
S.A.	14.50	15.90	14.30
Ky.	15.00	15.00	15.00
Tenn.	14.50	14.00	14.50
Ala.	14.50	16.00	16.00
Miss.	15.00	13.00	14.00
E.S.C.	14.80	14.00	14.70
Ark.	15.00	13.00	15.00
La.	15.00	15.00	15.00
Okla.	15.00	14.00	14.50
Tex.	14.50	13.50	13.50
W.S.C.	14.90	13.40	14.30
Mont.	17.50	17.50	18.50
Idaho	19.00	18.50	19.00
Colo.	16.50	15.00	16.00
N.Mex.	16.00	15.00	-----
Ariz.	18.00	19.00	19.50
Utah	18.00	18.00	19.00
Mount.	17.70	17.00	18.00
Wash.	19.00	18.50	20.00
Oreg.	18.00	18.50	19.00
Calif.	18.00	17.50	19.00
Pac.	18.20	17.70	19.00
U.S.	15.30	15.50	15.30